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G E N T L E M E N,

I Beg Leave to lay the following Matters of Fact before You, who are the proper Judges of whatever relates to P H Y S I C; submitting them to Your rigorous and impartial Examination. If I have flattered myself with false Hopes, it is my Interest to be undeceived, and my Duty to acknowledge my Error: But if a safe and effectual C U R E for the *S T O N E* be at length found, as it cannot fail of your Approbation, so nothing can give it a greater Sanction in the Opinion of the Public.

About a Year ago I published some **CASES** and **EXPERIMENTS** which seemed to me sufficient Evidences of a dissolving Power in the Urine of such Persons, as take Mrs. *Stephens's* **MEDICINES**; though I did not then enter into the Discussion of that Point, but left the Facts to speak for themselves. Some Time after, I found that a quite contrary Conclusion had been drawn from those Instances and others of a like Nature, as if the Medicines did not dissolve, but generate **STONES**. I now therefore republish the same Cases and Experiments, with all the other **CASES** favourable or unfavourable, perfect or imperfect, which I have been able to procure. And in the Course of the **WORK**, I hope to have obviated all the Objections suggested to me, and even to have proved a dissolving Power in the medicated Urine.

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As my Design is to give an Account of all the Facts that have come to my Hands; I have been obliged to insert some Cases described in such general Terms, or attended with such Circumstances, as to afford no great Light. But there seems to be a Number of others clear and express enough, to decide the principal Points in Question.

If farther *EVIDENCE* be required, we may hope to have it, when Mrs. *Stephens* shall publish her whole *METHOD* and *MEDICINES*, in the Manner She has proposed, as they will then of Course be tried both in private Practice and in the Hospitals, at Home and Abroad, and the Physicians and Surgeons of all *NATIONS* receive entire Satisfaction, before any *REWARD* be assigned. I therefore perswade myself, that Mrs. *Stephens* will appear to you in a different Light from common Pretenders to *Nostrums*; and

and that you will not think the Measures that have been taken for the Publication of her Medicines, any Encouragement to *Impostors*.

I am,

G E N T L E M E N,

Your most Obedient,

and most Humble Servant,

D. H A R T L E Y.

Advertisement.

Several of the following *CASES* were drawn up by the Persons themselves, or extracted from their Letters; the rest were taken from their own Mouths, or communicated to me by good Hands; so that I believe no Errors of Consequence can have happened. But if any one will inform me where any Thing is amiss, and give me proper Authority, I shall be very ready to rectify Mistakes, or supply Deficiencies.

Princes-Street,
near Leicester-
Fields, Mar. 3,
1738-9.

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P R E S E N T E V I D E N C E, &c.

TH E Principal Enquiries relating to Mrs. STEPHENS'S *Medicines*, seem reducible to these two.

I. Whether they be, in General, Beneficial or Hurtful to those that are Afflicted with Stone or Gravel.

II. Whether the Urine of those that take them, has any Power to dissolve and bring away Stones? or on the contrary, Whether it does not Generate and Augment them, and that faster than the natural Urine of Calculous Persons?

The first of these Enquiries relates to obvious Facts, and may be determined by a bare View of the C A S E S.

The second is of a more intricate Nature, as it relates to Facts not so obvious to the Senses; but may be determined however, by the joint Evidence and mutual Comparison of the Cases, of Experiments made upon the Urine, of Examinations by
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the Catheter, and of the Appearances upon opening the Bodies after Death.

I will therefore produce all the Evidence I can, of each Kind, favourable and unfavourable, adding withal such Observations as seem to me most Reasonable; and leave the Whole to the Judgment of the Reader.

I.

The Reverend Mr. FETHERSTON. His Case is drawn up by himself, in a Letter directed on the out-side to Mr. Harding, Bookseller, in St. Martin's-Lane, but Addressed within to Mrs. Stephens, which is as follows,

MADAM,

AS I am convinced that I received great Benefit by your *Medicines*, I resolved to write to you, before your Advertisement appeared, but the State of my Spirits being very low, (having the dead Palsy in my whole Right Side, and the rest of my Body being in some Measure affected with it) I too easily excused myself the Trouble of Writing. I had been troubled with the Gravel in my Kidneys, about Twenty Years, and once in nine, ten, or eleven Months, a Stone commonly fell into one of my Ureters, which passed at first within Twenty-four Hours, with some sharp Pain; but in Time, the Stones growing larger, did not generally pass in less than a Week or Fortnight, and that with inexpressible Torture, and violent and frequent Vomitings. I was sensible of the Moment the Stone dropped into the Bladder, and when I had a

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Quantity of Urine to force it, it always passed with more or less Pain, according to the Size of the Stone, till about the beginning of *January* 1732; at which Time I had a most severe and tedious Fit. When the Stone fell into my Bladder, after a proper Time, I endeavoured to void it as usual, but found it was too large to pass: I afterwards made frequent Efforts to bring it away, but to no Purpose. It gave me a good deal of Pain, especially when I made Water or went to Stool, which increased by Time, as I suppose the Stone did. I continued some Years growing still worse, often confined to my Bed in great Pain. In *October* and *November* 1736, I was in great Affliction, and forced to keep my Bed for good and all, when a worthy Gentleman in this Neighbourhood being acquainted with my Misery, and hearing in *London* that the Hon. Mr. *Carteret*, received great Benefit by your Medicines, prevailed with me to have a Horse-Litter from *London*. Indeed my Spirits were so low and my Pain so great, I had little Inclination to move, but upon the Gentleman's Persuasion, I at last submitted to be carried to Town, and began to take your Medicines about the fifth or sixth of *December* 1736. They were a little disagreeable at first, but after some Time they became so offensive to my Stomach, that I could hardly keep them down. In a Month or five Weeks, white Flakes of hard Stone began to come from me, and at Times continued to do so till the 8th of *February* following, when a large Stone got into the Neck of my Bladder, and gave me great Pain for eight or nine Hours; after which it passed, and my Bladder remained for some Time very Easy. However, I went on with your Regimen, and in three or four Days felt fresh Pain, without voiding any Thing, for several Weeks: At last some small Pieces of Stone came away, and I had great Pain in the

Neck of my Bladder, and as I thought, in the oblique Infertion of the Ureter into it, which continued so long without voiding any Thing, that I did not think myself in the least Easier, than when I began. After taking the Medicines about seven Months, I was seized with a violent Fever, which obliged me to discontinue them, yet in a little Time I voided a great many white and red Pieces of Stone, perhaps Twenty or Thirty, which I am persuaded came from my Kidneys, and were the Effect of the Medicines I had taken. When my Fever was over, and I could bear being removed, I was carried into the Country in a very weak and low Condition, with much Pain still at the Neck of my Bladder, occasioned as I afterwards found, by a ragged Flake of Stone which lodged there, and which I voided about the Beginning of *September 1737*; after which I was very easy in my Bladder, though not always so in my Kidneys. And when I was capable of being helped on Horseback; I did not find any Complaint-upon trotting my Horse as fast as my other Indisposition would allow me. I have been easy in my Bladder ever since, and am persuaded my Kidneys would have been much easier, if my Fever had then allowed me to use your Medicines longer; which I apprehend do not produce their Effect so soon in the Kidney as in the Bladder, because that in the latter, they stay with the Urine a long while, and thereby have Time to act upon the Stone; whereas in the former, they only drop in small Quantities on the Stone in their Passage. I may be tedious and too Particular, but I think I could not do you Justice without being very Particular; as I was not for some Time sensible of the whole Benefit which I afterwards enjoyed. I cannot say with some, that my Health is improved in other Respects, which perhaps may be owing to a difference of Constitution,

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or Distemper, but I am persuaded that Mrs. Stephens's Medicines are capable of Relieving so many miserable poor Creatures, who are Afflicted with the Rackings of the Stone and Gravel, that well disposed Persons, whom GOD has blessed with Abilities, cannot better dispose of their Charity, living or dying, than by Contributing to make those Medicines Public.

I am M A D A M,

Your very much Obliged,

and most Humble Servant,

Jan. 8, 1738. near
Maidstone, in Kent.

JOHN FETHERSTON.

The Palsy will not allow me to Write any more than my Name, with my own Hand. I should be glad to hear from you.

This Account is very favourable to the Medicines in the first Enquiry, Mr. *Fetherston* having received evident Benefit from them, as to his Calculous Complaints, and no Harm, as far as appears, in any other Respect. As to the second Enquiry, *viz.* Whether the Medicines dissolve, or generate Stones, one may Observe as follows.

I. It is probable that Mr. *Fetherston* had the Stone, both of the Bladder and Kidneys, before he began the Medicines. For this unhappy Gentleman seems to have had so much Experience of his own in this Distemper, and to have been so Careful in attending to, and Accurate in describing his Sensations, with the concomitant Circumstances, that he must be a good Judge. That he had a Stone in the Bladder is indeed certain, for he told me, *June 6, 1737*, that it had been twice found when a Catheter was introduced in order

order to put it back from the Neck of the Bladder.

2. It is not probable that the first white hard Flakes, the large Stone voided on *February 8*, the small Pieces voided afterwards, the white and red Pieces supposed by him to have come from the Kidneys, and the ragged Flake lodged at the Neck of the Bladder for some time, should all be generated by the Medicines.

3. Neither is it probable that one Part of these Pieces were generated by the Urine, the other separated from a Stone already formed, these two Effects not consisting well with each other.

4. Neither is it probable that all these Appearances should be the Effect of meer Accident, such Instances being hardly ever found.

5. It is probable therefore that the Medicines were instrumental in making a Stone, or Stones fall into Flakes and Pieces capable of being discharged; or in other Words, that Mr. *Fetherston's* Urine had some Power to dissolve and bring away Stones, which is the favourable Side of the second Enquiry. And I think that the Time and Manner in which the Flakes, entire Stone, and Pieces were voided, with the former Complaints and present Freedom from them, will satisfy every attentive Person of the Reasonableness of these Conclusions: Which also receive some Confirmation from another Circumstance communicated to me by Mr. *Fetherston*, *June 6, 1737. viz.* That the entire Stone had, when voided, some white Matter upon it, which he took to be of the same Kind with the Flakes that came away before. And agreeably to this it will appear hereafter from some Experiments which I made, that many Stones turn white in being dissolved.

II.

Mr. POPE, of Horton-Kirby, near Dartford,
Kent.

HE had the Symptoms of a Stone in the Bladder, and was examined by Mr. *Fern*, who found one. Endeavoured to get Relief by the best Means he could to no Purpose; for his Pains increased so violently, that he had no Rest Night or Day, but continual Complaints. Began Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines in *December*, 1737; voided for the first three Weeks a great deal of red Gravel with great Pains. Afterwards, for the Space of three Months, he voided daily in his Urine Bits of white Stone in great Quantities, which he could crumble with his Fingers like Oatmeal. After this he was much better, but continued to take the Medicines till *September*, 1738, when he could walk, or ride a trotting Horse without Inconvenience, and has continued so ever since, (that is till *January* last) and in a good State of Health. These Words are taken from his own Description of his Case; and it appears besides, by his Letters to Mrs. *Stephens*, that the Pieces of Stone first voided were like Flakes of Salt, very hard and sharp, that his Urine was often thick and had a white Sediment, that he parted with much Slime, and that he was in very great Pain for the first Month.

This Case is also very favourable to the Medicines in the first Enquiry, Mr. *Pope* having been freed thereby from violent Pains and Disorders. Neither is it probable that the red Gravel, the first very hard and sharp Pieces, the white Pieces voided

ed afterwards for three Months, and no more, and which crumbled like Oatmeal, with the Ease that followed thereupon should be the Effect either of a stone-generating Power in the Urine, or of meer Accident. Whereas if we suppose a stone-dissolving Power in the Urine, the Variations in Colour and Hardness may follow from the different Properties of different Parts of the Stone, and the longer Time for which the Urine had acted upon it when the white soft Pieces were discharged. The Relief from his Complaints may also be ascribed to the Diminution of the Stone, and its coming away after this, not in Pieces, but in thick Water, and white Sediment. However, the great Pains which he felt, upon first taking the Medicines, certainly show that this Relief did not proceed from any palliative Quality in them.

III.

Mr. PAYNE, Butler to Mrs. BAYNES, in Southampton-Row, near Bloomsbury-Square.

HE was subject to Pains in his Back, with Vomitings, for several Years, and had also great Pain in making Water, with a sudden stoppage, and violent forcings to go to Stool; made bloody Water, upon riding or walking much, for four Years. Took Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines for fifteen Months, upon the Use of which, his Water became foul at the Time of making, and let fall a heavy Sediment, which dried into a hard Substance, and had a slimy fetid Matter in it. He voided several small Pieces of Stone in a soft State, and once a Stone as big as the End of his little Finger, (after

(after having had violent Pains in his Back the preceding Night) which was so soft as to receive an Impression from the Fingers in being taken up. He has now been perfectly well for near three Years, and is in the Sixty-sixth Year of his Age. The large Stone became hard and much less, when it was dried.

Here again the Medicines have been of eminent Service, and in a way which does not at all favour any stone-generating Quality in the Urine, but the contrary. A stone-generating Urine, is not likely to bring a Stone from the Kidneys or Bladder, but rather to detain it; nor is it probable that Mr. *Payne*, after having had the Symptoms of the Stone for four Years, should be first freed from these, and then continue so for near three Years, upon this Supposition. And the long Time for which he took the Medicines, shews, that those who have taken them for a less, cannot certainly conclude against the Efficacy of the Medicines, notwithstanding that they be not cured.

IV.

Mrs. JARVIS, in Corbet-Court, Gracechurch-Street.

SHE was Afflicted with a Pain at her Stomach, Reachings and Vomiting for near two Years; succeeded by violent Pain in her Back, with frequent Inclinations to make Urine, though scarce a Spoonful came away at a Time. After having taken several Medicines to little Purpose, she at length applied to Mrs. *Stephens*, and began her Medicines about the fifth or sixth of *December* last, which she still continues. They immediately
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took away her Pain, and she has not had the least return of it since: Her Urine, upon standing, generally lets fall a Sediment of a reddish gravelly Kind. This Account was taken *January 20, 1738-9.*

V.

Mr. S M A R T, *of Dagenhams, in Essex.*

HA D a violent Heat in his Loins, for about a Quarter of a Year, so that he could not lie easy in his Bed. Took Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines for about a Month or five Weeks, and in that Time voided a small Stone about the Bigness of a Pepper Corn, with some Gravel; and became quite free from his Pains.

VI.

Mrs. S A L T E R, *in the Strand, opposite to Somerset-House.*

SI X T E E N Years ago began to be Afflicted with a Pain in her Back and violent Reachings, after using Exercise had very bad sick Fits, and Pains in the Head, and now and then brought away small Quantities of Gravel. These Fits returned so often, as to make her Life very uncomfortable for seven Years: She then took Mrs. *Stephens's* Powders for two Months, they brought away prodigious Quantities of Gravel, and have made her perfectly free from any Complaint of the Kind, ever since.

Dated *Nov. 8, 1738.*

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Mr. BAKER, of Buntingford, Hertfordshire.

WAS Afflicted with Gravel in his Kidneys for some Years: Took several Medicines but without receiving any Benefit. In the Year 1730 took Mrs. Stephens's Powders; found immediate Relief, and has been free from his Complaints ever since, unless when making free with Liquors that are hurtful brings something of it; and then two or three Papers of the Powder carry it off entirely.

VIII.

Mr. PEARMAN, of Aspeden, near Buntingford, Hertfordshire.

WAS Afflicted with Gravel in his Kidneys some Years: Took several Medicines, but without receiving Benefit. Then took Mrs. Stephens's Powders; found immediate Relief, and has been free from any such Disorder, several Years.

Dated Nov. 29, 1738.

The five last Cases are manifest Instances of Benefit received. And though they do not prove a stone-dissolving Power in the Medicines, because many other Medicines not supposed to have any such Power, seem capable of performing the same Cures, yet they agree very well with it, and are far from proving a stone-generating one. It may also be remarked, that in the three last Cases, the Powders alone were taken, which yet are more likely

likely to give the Urine a stone-generating Power, than the saponaceous Decoction or Pills.

IX.

Mr. BROCKMAN, of Reachborough, near Hythe, Kent.

AUGUST 21, 1723, Mr. Cheselden took from him, by the high Operation, a Stone of a considerable Bigness; after this he had no return of his Pains, till *August* 1737: Then had pretty severe Pain, judged by himself and others to proceed from another Stone. However, this went off with common Recipes after some Days, and he continued easy till the *October* following, when he was taken with another such Fit. He thereupon applied to Mrs. Stephens, for her Medicines: They were too strong for his Stomach at first, but she varied them so afterwards, that he took them twice a Day for more than a Quarter of a Year, and in that Time voided two small Stones. And these, with a little small gritty Sand, are all that he has ever observed to have been Discharged either before or since. Has been free from his Pains since *October* last.

Dated *Sept.* 1, 1738.

It does not appear from this Case, that any particular Benefit was received from the Medicines; however, the Discharge of the two small Stones agrees better with the Supposition of a stone-dissolving, than of a stone-generating Power in the Urine.

X.

The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of BATH and WELLS. His Lordship's Case was published last Year in the following Words.

“ ABOUT five Years ago he felt a Soreness
 “ in his Left Side, after having rode four
 “ Days together, and made Water, which was
 “ first Coffee-coloured and then Bloody. These
 “ Complaints went off in a short Time; how-
 “ ever, he became, after this, subject to make
 “ bloody Water upon Riding: He felt once a
 “ most violent Pain along the Region of the Right
 “ Ureter; it lasted only for a Moment, and hap-
 “ pened during a Fit of Cholic, occasioned by eat-
 “ ing Strawberries. About two Years ago he was
 “ obliged to forbear Riding, and could hardly Walk
 “ without making bloody Water; had Pain in mak-
 “ ing Water, and a Forcing to go to Stool at the
 “ same Time, but no Stoppage: He began Mrs.
 “ Stephens's Medicines in *April* last; they increased
 “ the Pain in making Water for some Time; his
 “ Water became turbid at the time of making, had
 “ roapy fetid Matter in it, deposited a thick heavy
 “ Sediment, and many small Flakes and Fragments
 “ of Stone were voided with it in a soft State: In
 “ five or six Weeks he grew much better, and was
 “ able to go over the Stones in his Coach: His
 “ general Health was also much improved. In the
 “ beginning of *July* he had a return of the Pain in
 “ making Water, with a sudden Stoppage now and
 “ then: Upon this he voided several Pieces of
 “ Stone in a soft State, with one pretty large Piece,
 “ part of which was soft and white, part brown
 “ and hard, and it gave a little Pain in passing:
 “ After this the Pain and Stoppage in making Water
 “ went

“ went off entirely. In *September* he went into the
 “ Country, where he often rides a trotting Horse
 “ without any Inconvenience; and is free from all
 “ Complaints, excepting that he has now and then
 “ some uneasy Sensations in the Region of the Kid-
 “ neys: He has continued the Medicines till a little
 “ while ago; but his Water has been in general
 “ perfectly clear, during the Use of them; whereas
 “ it has twice been turbid upon discontinuing them,
 “ and deposits a red Sediment, which dries into a
 “ stony Substance.”

And by a Letter dated *January 27, 1738-9*, his Lordship informs me, that he continued the Medicines with some Intermissions till *Midsummer* last, but without perceiving that they had any great Effect in bringing away Stone; and has enjoyed a pretty good State of Health ever since, without any return of his former Complaints. No Pain, Difficulty or Sharpness of Urine; no bloody Water, notwithstanding he has taken several Journeys, and Rides out daily. He has however, at Times, some uneasy Sensations, as mentioned before, in the Kidneys. His Lordship mentions also that he never voided any Flakes or Fragments of Stone before he took the Medicines, but only a little Gravel now and then.

If it be here supposed, that the soft Flakes and Fragments above-mentioned were formed by the Medicines, one may naturally ask for what Reason it was, that they were in the Shape both of Flakes and Fragments? Why one Piece was soft and white in one Part, brown and hard in another? Why they did not continue to come away as long as his Lordship continued the Medicines? And how it comes to pass that he has received so great and lasting Benefit, if the Stone or Stones which his Lordship probably had in the Kidneys, or Bladder, or both, remain the same or even are increased? In like
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Manner it cannot be supposed that these things were the Effects of meer Accident ; because nothing of this Kind ever happened before to his Lordship, nor are there in Fact any such Cases to be found, if all Circumstances be considered. Whereas a dissolving Power in the Urine, which is the only Thing left to be supposed, if a stone-generating one and Accident be excluded, will easily account for all Appearances. Some Parts of the Stone fell off in Flakes, some in Fragments, according to their different Natures ; what had been long exposed to the Urine was white and soft ; what for a short Time brown and hard, agreeably to other Cases and the Experiments hereafter to be related ; the Flakes and Fragments ceased to be voided, because all the Stone disposed to be dissolved in this Way was brought off ; the Benefit received is from the Stone thus discharged, and the uneasy Sensations in the Kidneys arise probably from some Stone still left there, which comes away more slowly, as it is of a harder Nature, or less exposed to the dissolving Power of the Urine.

XI.

The Reverend Dr. SYKES, in Great-Marlborough-Street. His Case was also described last Year, in the following Words ; to which nothing need be added, as he has had no return of his Complaints, nor has ever taken the Medicines since.

“ **H**E has been subject to Pains in his Back, with
 “ Vomitings, and the voiding of small Stones
 “ for many Years. About four or five Years ago,
 “ after a jolt in a Coach, he had a Pain in making
 “ Water,

“ Water, which continued about three Weeks. In
 “ *November* 1736, after another jolt, he had a re-
 “ turn of the same sort of Pain in making Water:
 “ This became very violent after some Time, was
 “ often attended with a sudden Stoppage, and
 “ he had great Provocation to make Water, espe-
 “ cially upon Motion: Made bloody Water after
 “ much Motion in the Chariot; had an uneasy
 “ Sensation in the Region of the Bladder, upon
 “ turning in Bed, as if something moved within
 “ him. These Disorders continued about fourteen
 “ Months, at the End of which, *viz.* in *February*
 “ last, he began to take *Mrs. Stephens’s* Medicines.
 “ They increased his Pain in making Water very
 “ much for some Days; his Water deposited a
 “ white heavy Sediment, and he voided many Flakes
 “ of Stone in a soft State, and some Fragments in
 “ a hard one. He grew easy and free from all his
 “ Complaints in about two Months, excepting that
 “ he had now and then some small Pains in the
 “ Region of the Ureters. However, he continued
 “ the Use of the Medicines till the End of *August*,
 “ his Water depositing a white heavy Sediment, till
 “ the last ten Days or Fortnight of taking. He
 “ has continued perfectly well ever since, and can
 “ ride a trotting Horse, or go over the Stones
 “ in a Coach, without any Inconvenience.”

Here one may Observe,

1. That *Dr. Sykes* had probably a Stone in the Bladder; Pain and sudden Stoppage in making Water, bloody Water upon Motion, and an uneasy Sensation in the Region of the Bladder, being strong Evidences of this, when they happen together.

2. That it is not probable either, that the Flakes or Fragments should be generated by the Medicines, since they ceased to be voided after a certain

certain Time, notwithstanding that he continued the Use of them.

3. That it is much less probable, that both soft Flakes and hard Fragments should be so generated.

4. That this Discharge of Flakes and Fragments, is not likely to have been from meer Accident, because nothing of this Kind ever happened to him, either before or since. The small Stones which he voided before, were entirely different from both the Flakes and Fragments, and of that Sort which are commonly called Gravel Stones.

5. That therefore these Flakes and Fragments were probably separated from a Stone in the Bladder, by some Alteration which the Medicines produced in the Urine, that is, the medicated Urine has some Power to dissolve Stones.

6. That the Discharge of the Flakes and Fragments followed the Use of the Medicines, and the Relief this Discharge; just as other Effects do their respective Causes.

7. That Medicines which give so much Pain at first, are not likely to suffer a Person to be easy, till the Stone be discharged, much reduced, or softened.

XII.

Mr. CUTLER, *in* Wapping-Dock-Street,
Wapping.

HE says, in a Letter dated *February 1, 1738-9*, that he has taken seven of Mrs. Stephens's Balls, (and Powders in Proportion I suppose) is neither better nor worse; has voided neither Grit
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nor Stones, and that his Illness was and is still a violent Pain in his Back and in making of Water.

XIII.

Mrs. KILLICK, *Wife to Mr. KILLICK,*
Surgeon, *in Great Ruffel-Street.*

ABOUT five Years ago she was much Afflicted with Pains at the Neck of the Bladder. She made bloody Water two or three Times: Once had a suppression of Urine for two Days. Mr. *Killick* then passed the Catheter and found a Stone in the Bladder. She took Mrs. *Stephens's* Powder for about a Month, and her Water during that Time deposited much Sediment, which became very hard when dry. She was much better, though not quite free from her Pains, for about two Months after the Use of the Powders, and then died of a Fever.

This Case favours the Medicines in the first Enquiry: As to the second it determines nothing; but does itself require the Light and Evidence of the other Cases, before we can Judge what was the true Operation of the Medicines in it. If it shall appear from the other Cases that the Medicines generate Stone, then the Sediment here voided did probably contain a Part of the stony Matter thus generated; and the other Part alleviated the Pains, by covering the Stone with a soft Surface. Whereas if it be found from the other Cases, that the Medicines dissolve the Stone, then the Sediment did probably contain Part of the Stone thus dissolved, and the Pains were alleviated by the consequent softness of the remaining Surface. How
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ever, upon both Suppositions it appears, that the Powders are a very considerable Part of the Medicines, and therefore that their Effects, good or bad, are probably something more than those of meer Soap.

XIV.

The Reverend Mr. BURROUGHS, near Clerkenwell Church. His Case is contained in the following Letter to me, dated October 10, 1738.

S I R,

WITHIN the last fifteen or sixteen Years, I have had three or four short Fits of the Gravel, but never was confined with any Thing of that Kind, till *May 1736*; when upon a violent Jogg on Horseback, by the Horse's starting and jumping out of his Road, my Kidneys were affected. From this Time, for some Months, bits of Gravel, with some smooth round Stones of the bigness of Tares, were almost continually passing from me, and with excessive Pain. In *September* there was a suppression of Urine for five Days, excepting what strained through the Pores of a monstrous Piece of Gravel which then came away. Three more such Pieces of different Shapes, came away in about a Week's Time, after which I was very easy for about two Months; but in *November*, I had great Pains in the Neck of my Bladder, and from that Time bloody Water came, and my Urine, especially in *January* and *February* following, was almost continually scalding. I did not take Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines till the 12th of *February*, and on the 19th, a pretty large Stone of a whitish Colour

came away from me. In less than a Fortnight eighteen were voided, the last of which in a regular Oval Form, measured an Inch and a half one Way, and above an Inch the other, and yet came away with very little Pain. Some of the rest were bigger than common Pease, being Parts of a smooth, round or oval Substance on one side, and on the other side rough, and broke into many different Shapes. Since that Time, Thanks be to GOD, I have felt no Pain worth mentioning, nor has any Thing come away excepting a little red Gravel. Moreover there has been ever since, a perfect Retention of Urine, excepting perhaps the first Month or two, whereas for some Years before it often passed involuntarily. There is one Thing at which I am very much surprized, that whereas while the Stones were coming away, they crowded so hastily forwards, that after every Sleep, I waked with a suppression of Urine; upon taking five or six Pills provided by Mrs. *Stephens*, the Suppression went off, and a flow of Water constantly came in four or five Minutes.

This is a true Account of my CASE, of which you may make what Use you think fit, with the full Consent of

S I R,

Your Obedient Humble Servant,

JOSEPH BURROUGHS

Here is great Benefit received, and no Evidence of a stone-generating Power, but the contrary. Only it seems that the Stone was here rather broke into solid Pieces, than dissolved gradually. Agreeably to which it will be found, when we come to the Experiments, that a small hard Stone had several Cracks in it, after about a Month's Digestion

tion in my medicated Alkaline Urine. Whether this be effected by the Stone's imbibing the Urine, swelling and bursting, or some other Means, is left for future Enquiry.

XV.

The Reverend Mr. ARNET, Vicar of Wakefield, Yorkshire.

HAS been Afflicted with a Pain between the small of his Back and Right Side, for many Years. Once voided a flat, brownish Stone almost an Inch long: For the last nine or ten Years, his Complaints have been increased, especially upon Motion, and his Urine has been Coffee-coloured or Bloody after it. He took Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines for two or three Months last Summer, and found considerable Benefit by them as to his Complaints. However, as he still apprehends that he has a Stone in the Right Kidney, from his Pains in the Back and Right Thigh, he resolves to begin again, having omitted them only through Business abroad, want of Medicines, or the Gout.

XVI.

Mr. BERREY, of East-Horsley, near Ripley, Surry.

HAS had the Gravel in the Kidneys for some Time, and voided much Gravel with many Stones, some half an Inch long: Sometimes has a Stoppage at the Neck of the Bladder, for a little Time,

Time, before the Urine comes. Has taken Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines, ever since *June* 1738: He has received great Benefit from them, but voided no Gravel, Stones, or Pieces of Stone since he took them. His Urine is often thick, sometimes whitish and sometimes reddish.

XVII.

Mrs. *BILBIE*, of Nottingham.

ABOUT three Years ago was seized with violent Pains in the left Kidney, Reachings and Vomitings. These returned after some Time, and she continued almost always in Pain, especially upon Motion. Consulted several eminent Physicians, who all agreed in believing that she had a Stone in the Kidney: Was obliged to take Opiates in great Quantities for nine Months, lost her Appetite and fell into a bad State of Health. She has taken Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines ever since *December* 1737, but her Stomach is not able to bear the full Quantity. She has received very great Benefit from them, both as to her Calculous Complaints, and her Health in other Respects. Her Urine is often white, and lets fall a Sediment like Tobacco-Pipe Clay.

I leave these three last Cases to be explained by the other Evidences. If it shall appear from other Evidences, that the medicated Urine has a dissolving Power, these Cases will be perfectly consistent with it, supposing it to operate in them in a less obvious Manner. Sometimes the Stone comes away in Flakes, sometimes in Fragments, and sometimes under an impalpable Form, in the thick Water and white Sediment, much as one would

would naturally expect from a dissolving Power in the Urine, exerted upon different Stones, under different Circumstances.

XVIII.

Mr. BARON, of Wigan, Lancashire.

HE was confined with the Stone for above four Years, and entered upon Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines *April 9, 1738*, at five o' Clock in the Evening, being Sixty-seven Years old. In the Night great Pain and no Rest.

April 10. In the Morning, a white slimy Sediment in the Water, with a few small Stones; in the Day time very little Water, with much Difficulty and great Pain.

11. In the Morning, a few small Stones and Sand, with a great deal of Pain all Night, and no Rest. Pain very great all Day.

12, 13, } Much the same.
14, 15. }

16. Little Water, and great Pain.

17. 18. The same.

19. Water thicker and more white. Great Pain.

20. The same.

21. The same, only at five at Night vomited up the Powder; and the Night after less Pain.

So far a Diary was kept; after which it was dropped, his Case proceeding much after the Manner of Mr. *Bolton's*, (*to be related hereafter*) for about the same Space of Time. After which
Mr.

Mr. *Baron*, who had been too sensibly convinced of his having a large and ponderous Stone in his Bladder, by the usual grievous Symptoms, and particularly by his being able manifestly to perceive it to change its Place, as he altered his Posture; found the Sensation of Pain, Weight and Pressure gradually diminish; voiding in the mean Time small Stones and Pieces of Stone, of almost all Colours, Shapes, and Consistencies. Some of a greyish Colour, hard and apparently Concave and Convex. He met with several Difficulties during the Course of taking the Medicines, and particularly that of not being able to keep them upon his Stomach.

He has now left off the Medicines for about six Weeks; his Urine flows freely and without the least Difficulty: The Sensation of Weight and Pressure in the Bladder, is entirely vanquished. But he is at present afflicted with great Pain in the Region of the Kidneys, by Fits, (sometimes on one side, and sometimes on both) extending itself down all the Thigh of the side affected. Before he took the Medicines, he never voided any Thing above the bigness of a large Pin's Head, with some red Sand. His Urine is at present, like that of other Sound People.

This Description of Mr. *Baron's* Case, was sent to me at his Request, by a Gentleman, his Friend; and is dated *January* 28, 1738-9: And it affords many Observations of the same kind with some that have been made before, as that the Discharge of Stones and Pieces, with the consequent Relief, did not in all Probability arise from Accident, or any stone-generating Power, and therefore must arise from a stone-dissolving one. It also confirms Mr. *Fetherston's* Observation, that the medicated Urine has probably greater Power over Stones of the Bladder, than over those of the Kidneys; Mr. *Baron*
seeming

seeming to have a Stone in one or both Kidneys, still remaining.

XIX.

Mr. BLENCOWE, of Marston, near Brackley, Northamptonshire.

IN *June* 1735, had a Stoppage of Urine, with Pain and Reaching: Afterwards became subject to make bloody Water upon Riding: Consulted an eminent Physician, who judged that he had a Stone in the Kidney, too large to pass: Took his Medicines for a Year. About *Christmas* 1736, took Mrs. *Stephens's* Powders with an Herb-Tea, for a Week; they were so diuretic and made him so costive, that he was forced to leave them off without any Benefit, and has had greater sharpness of Urine and Pain in his Kidneys ever since.

Since Mrs. *Stephens's* Powders are very diuretic, it is not likely that they should generate or augment Stones; therefore, as the saponaceous Liquid can hardly be supposed to do this, neither is it likely that both together should. With regard to the Case itself, one may observe, that as Mr. *Blencowe* did not take the Liquid with the Powders, nor was able to persevere in those, it cannot be expected that he should find the same Benefit, as others who do. And it appears from the other Cases, that it is common for the Medicines both to increase the Symptoms at first, and to relieve them afterwards; which seems to be a Presumption, in favour of their dissolving Power.

XX.

Mrs. B-----

MY Wife for this twenty Years last past, has been perpetually breeding Stones in her Kidneys, which as they fell down the Ureters, and were working their way into the Bladder, used to cause so great Pain and throw her into such violent Agonies, as nothing but a Quantity of *Laudanum* could appease. Many of these sore Fits she has had, but more frequently formerly than of late; and had preserved two little Boxes of Stones of various Shapes and Sizes, which came from her at several Times, the biggest near as big as a Kidney Bean. For when the Stone had once gained this difficult Passage, immediate Ease followed, and in two or three Days Time, she usually voided it with her Water. But the last severe Fit she had, (which was about two Years ago) no Stone came away as usual, but lodged in the Bladder; and as she had great Reason to believe, from the Pain she felt there, has been increasing ever since.

Having waited thus long, and now despairing of ever getting rid of it any other Way, she at last resolved upon Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines, which accordingly were sent for, and she began to take them the beginning of *October* last: But she being naturally of a weak Constitution, and this further impaired by long labouring under this Distemper, could neither take so frequent nor so large Doses as were prescribed: For instead of three in a Day, she only took two; and instead of Beer Measure, took the Draught by Wine. However, by the Blessing of God, in about six Weeks Time she found the
Stone

Stone began to dissolve and come away, and so has continued to do ever since, at Times, in rotten Bits, which break upon the least Touch. So that though I cannot say the Cure is as yet compleat, because she has still some Pains remaining, though much abated, yet certainly the Medicines bid very fair for it, and have done as much as can be required of them in the Time.

Saffron-Walden,
Essex, Feb. 1,
1738-9.

R. B. Cler.^r

XXI.

Mrs. GARDINER, Compton-Street, St. Ann's.

ABOUT eleven Years ago, I found myself seized with violent Pains in my Back and about my Bladder, with Stoppage of Urine and bloody Water, upon the least Motion. At *Michaelsmas* 1734, was seized with a violent Fit, which lasted me till near *Easter* following, and reduced me so low as made all my Friends despair of my Recovery, and give me over for Dead; not having been able to bear turning in my Bed for several Weeks, without exquisite Pain. I then took Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines; they gave me much Pain at first, but in six Days Time brought away a Stone, as big as a large Filbert, besides a great Quantity of Matter every Day, that when dried seemed to be a Kind of Sand. In less than a Month, I was able to go abroad without any Inconvenience, and some time after left off the Medicines. About a Twelve-month after was seized with another Fit; had recourse to Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines, and after taking them three or four Days, brought away three large Pieces of Stone, each Day one, which seemed

to be broke off from one another, besides great Numbers of small ones. I left off the Medicines soon after these came away, and have continued perfectly free from every Symptom of the Stone ever since; and besides, am better in Health now at Forty-five Years of Age, than I have been any Time these Twenty-five Years past.

October 24, 1738.

DO. GARDINER.

XXII.

MONSIEUR REAU, at Hammersmith. *The following Account is Translated from the French.*

HAVING been Afflicted for two Years with Heat of Urine, which increased upon me perpetually; I went to *London* to consult an able Physician there, who from the Account which I gave him of my Disorder, believed that it proceeded from Gravel, and ordered me a Medicine which gave me some Relief. But my Disorder returning, and becoming more sharp than before, I consulted Mrs. Stephens; she assured me that I had a Stone in the Bladder, and upon this Assurance I began her Medicines, the Eighth of *November*, 1737. I suffered much for the first Fortnight, being able to make very little Water at a Time; but at the End of it, I began to void small white Scales, resembling Pieces of Egg-shell, and which were brittle like Lime. I continued to void the same for almost four Months, my Water being turbid all that Time, and often having much reddish Slime. At length, seeing my Cure went on slowly, I desired Mr Cheselden to examine me by the Catheter. he found I certainly had a Stone, and this encouraged

couraged me to continue the Medicine. as I had received great Relief from it. Soon after this Examination I voided two small brown Stones, and thence forward from time to time, voided white ones, and with sufficient Ease. Towards the End of the ninth Month I voided three or four larger than the foregoing, and in the tenth Month I voided one so large, that it remained two Days in the Passage; it is rough and about the Size of a Plumb Stone. I shewed this to Mrs. *Stephens* a few Days after, who told me that she believed it to be the Kernel of the Stone, and that it might be proper to discontinue the Medicine: This was in the End of *August* 1738. I have had no Complaint since that Time, and have gone twice to *London* in a Coach, without any Inconvenience.

October 24, 1738.

REAU.

The three last Cases seem no ways to be accounted for upon the Supposition of a stone-generating Power in the Urine, but admit of an easy natural Solution upon the contrary one. And indeed, What could a real dissolvent do more, than bring off rotten Scales, Fragments, and entire Stones in a palpable Form, or impalpable Particles in the thick Water, and make the Person easy at last?

XXIII.

The Reverend Mr. L A M P L U G H.

HE was seized with a violent Pain in his left Side after a Wrench, which he received in Riding. Made bloody Water all the next Day and Night: Took some oily Medicines and was better. However as he still had small Pains in his Back, he took
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Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines. In about ten Days he voided a fleshy Substance about an Inch and a half long: Voided afterwards several soft, reddish Substances in small Lumps. The Medicines offended his Stomach very much, and increased his Pains: He left them off and died much wasted in a Month or six Weeks after. The Physicians that attended him, were very uncertain what Judgment to make concerning the Cause of his Complaints, and his Body was not opened.

This Account I had partly from Mr. *Lamplugh* himself, and partly from a near Relation. That the Medicines were hurtful in his Case I think very probable, this being his own Judgment, and that of those about him. But as it is not certain what his Case was, one can draw no certain Conclusions from it, to prove the general Hurtfulness of Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines in the Stone or Gravel. And if we should suppose that Mr. *Lamplugh* had a Stone in the Kidney, yet he might have also some Particularity in his Case or Constitution, which made the Medicines, in the Manner and Dose directed, hurtful to him; just as there are particular Persons who either cannot take *Bark*, *Mercury* and *Opium* at all, or only in certain Doses and Preparations. And indeed it is much to be lamented, that Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines are not known to Physicians, that so they might be adjusted by them to the Circumstances of each Patient.

XXIV.

R. SKRINE, Esq. *I had the following Account from his own Mouth, June 7, 1737, which I wrote down immediately after I left him.*

HAD been Afflicted with the Stone for nine Years. Such a Stoppage of Urine for a Year, that he was obliged to pass a Leaden Probe every Day. Thought that he felt with this, two small Stones that stopped the Urine at the Neck of the Bladder, and also a large one which he could not move. Had ulcerous stinking Matter in his Urine very often; great Irritation, Pain and Difficulty in making Water; bloody Water often, and violent Forcings to go to Stool. Had then taken Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines constantly for five Months, and voided a very large Quantity of thick Sediment, with some little Stones, which he called also Grit and Gravel, and said that two or three of them were as big as Peas, and that they were all voided in a soft State. He had some Pains in his Sides which he supposed owing to the moving of a Stone, but said he was vastly better than when he began the Medicines, could move about and had hardly any Complaints.

I waited upon Mr. *Skrine* again, *September 21, 1737*; and then was informed by him, that he had had a violent return of his Pain, and Difficulty in making Water about a Month before, with the Discharge of much Matter; also another return of the same Kind about a Week before; but was better then. Had likewise had a Rash, to which he was always subject at that Time of the Year.

After

After this he continued the Medicines till the beginning of the *December* following, then left them off, and died in about a Month from that Time; growing, I believe, perpetually worse both whilst he took them, and after he had left them off. His Body was opened, and four Stones, each about the Size of a Chesnut, found in the Bladder; a small one in the Right Kidney and an Ulcer in the Left. The Stone of the Kidney seemed of a porous, spongy Nature, those of the Bladder were very compact, and had a few white Eminencies upon their Surfaces, which were smooth and brown every where else. One of them was sawed through, by which the external Parts appeared to be of a lighter Colour than the internal ones.

That Mr. *Skrine* had an Ulcer in his Left Kidney, before he began the Medicines, is probable from the ulcerous stinking Matter, which he voided. And whoever considers all his Complaints, with the Causes of them, will think it doubtful whether or no the Medicines can with Justice be said to have done him any Harm. At first they appeared to be of great Service, and what happened afterwards might be owing to the natural Progress of his Case, and particularly of the Ulcer in his Kidney, or perhaps to some accidental Cold, Fever, &c. at least in some Measure. Whether the Medicines had augmented or diminished the Stones in the Bladder and Kidney, cannot be known by their Size when taken out, because one cannot tell how big they were when he began the Medicines. Neither will the other Circumstances determine this. The white Eminencies might either be fresh Incrustations from the stone-generating Urine, or Parts of the original Stones much changed, but not yet brought off by the stone-dissolving one, according as other Evidences shall prove this or that Quality to be in it.

And

And for the same Reasons, that Stones are sometimes smooth during their Increase in natural Urine, they may be smooth during their Increase or Decrease in medicated Urine, which last we may conceive to be performed by reversing the Steps of the natural Increase. In like Manner, the brown Colour of the Surfaces will not conclude against either Opinion, supposing either to be made probable by the other Cases; because brown Stones and Pieces have been voided sometimes, tho' rarely, in other Cases. Besides which, it may be that Mr. *Skrine's* Discontinuance of the Medicines for a Month before he died, might suffer the Stones to grow smooth and brown by suffering the Urine to return to its natural State. And upon the whole, one cannot do better than refer this doubtful Case to the clearer Evidence of the others, especially as he voided much thick Sediment, with Grit and Gravel in a soft State, as in the others. Or if we do suppose that these Stones were not either augmented or diminished, still there can be no certain Conclusion drawn from thence, with relation to other Stones of a different Nature.

I have been the more particular in my Reflections upon this Case, because it has been thought to be one of those which are most unfavourable to the Medicines. And tho' Justice to the World obliges me not to be partial to the Medicines; yet there is also a Tenderness due to the many afflicted Persons who are now taking them in hopes of finding Relief thereby; nor ought I to suffer these to be discouraged or terrified without Reason, by neglecting to place Things in such fair and equitable Lights as may obviate their Fears and Apprehensions. However as I have now shewn the Reader my Way of reasoning upon several Cases of different Kinds, I shall for the future confine myself in great Measure to a bare Relation of the Facts, and desire him, as

he goes along, to try the two Suppositions of a Stone-dissolving and Stone-generating Urine by the Circumstances of each Case, remembering to argue from what is clear to what is doubtful, and to make his Conclusions consistent with one another.

XXV.

The Reverend Dr. MAXWELL, of Grays, in
Essex.

HA V I N G been afflicted with the Stone and Gravel to such a Degree that I could neither ride, nor walk, nor stoop without great Pain, with all the bad Symptoms usually attending that Distemper, after I had tried several Things to no purpose, and grew every Day worse, I applied to Mrs. *Stephens*, and took her Medicines for about four Months, during which Time I voided several small Stones, but one so large as to cause a total Suppression of Urine for eight and thirty Hours, which the Medicines at last brought away with very little Pain. This Stone by its irregular Figure seemed to have been bigger.

Besides these Stones and coarse Gravel, the Medicines brought away in great Quantities a whitish Substance that settled always to the Bottom of the Chamber-pot. I am now easy and free from all Pain, and can bear the Motion of a hard trotting Horse without any Trouble.

I found no ill Effect in any Respect whatsoever, either whilst I was taking the Medicines, or since I left them, which is now six Weeks. I think myself obliged in Justice to make this public Declaration.

November 30, 1738.

ROBERT MAXWELL.

XXVI.

Capt. KELLET, Downing-street, Westminster.

ABOUT nine Years ago I began to be afflicted with the Gravel, and an uneasy feeling about the Kidneys. The Year following the *Tunbridge* Waters had so good an Effect upon me that I voided a very great Quantity of white Gravel in one Night, which I shewed the next Day to the late Mr. *Craddock* the Surgeon, who said he believed it to have been a Stone just formed, that had been dissolved; and for a considerable Time after I had no Complaints; nor did I find myself very uneasy till about three Years and a half ago, when I had regular Fits of Vomiting, and strong Cholicks every three Weeks or Month without voiding any Thing, also a constant Heat and Weight in my Back which grew worse perpetually. I began Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines the 15th of *October* 1736, and have had but one bad Fit since, which was the 12th of *May* following, at which time I made a small Quantity of bloody Water, a Thing that never happened to me but once before. I now never feel the disagreeable Sensation in my Back, but upon the passing of Wind in the Parts thereabouts, and then only in a small Degree. My Urine is frequently charged with a white Sediment which falls immediately, and dries into a chalky Substance. I have taken these Medicines with the utmost Regularity ever since I began them, and find my general Health so very much improved, that I shall continue them in hopes of a perfect Cure.

January 31, 1738.

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W. KELLET.

XXVII.

JOSEPH KETTLE, Esq; *at Cambridge.*

HAD the usual Symptoms of a Stone in the Bladder. Was examined by Mr. *Chefelden*, and a Stone found. Took the Medicines for about a Year, but not constantly, nor always in full Quantity. His Account of himself dated *Nov. 29, 1738*, is as follows: “ Mrs. *Stephens’s* Medicines have done
 “ me no harm, only occasioned a swelling in my
 “ Body and Legs, and since I left off taking her
 “ Medicines the swelling is gone off, and I am in
 “ the same State I was in before.”

Perhaps it would have been better here to have given the Medicines with less Liquid, and if by this Means Mr. *Kettle* had been enabled to have taken them regularly, he might perhaps have found the same Effects as most others do. However, it is not certain that the Stone in his Bladder is of the same Size as when he began; for a Stone may receive a considerable Increase or Decrease, and yet continue to give the same Complaints.

XXVIII.

Mr. THOMAS. *His Case was published last Year in the following Words.*

“ **H**E had the usual Symptoms of a Stone in
 “ the Bladder, and began Mrs. *Stephens’s*
 “ Medicines in *September* last, being about 75 Years
 “ old. *October* the Eighth Mr. *Hawkins* examin-
 “ ed

ed him, and found a Sone in the Bladder,
 which he told Mr. *Thomas*, he believed to be a
 large one: Upon first taking the Medicines Mr.
Thomas's Water deposited much heavy Sediment,
 which dried into a stony Substance: Some time
 after he voided soft white Scales in great Quan-
 tities with Grit and Slime, which I saw. His
 Pains were great at this Time: They continued,
 he lost his Appetite, grew feverish, and died Jan.
 20. His Body was opened, and a Stone taken
 out of the Bladder. This Stone Dr. *Shaw* and
 Mr. *Hawkins* saw Jan. 30. I saw Dr. *Shaw* that
 Evening, and took down from his Mouth the fol-
 lowing Words, relating to the Appearance of the
 Sone.

*The Stone was light, white on the Outside, a great
 Part of it covered with a cretaceous Coat,
 which broke off in Flakes with great Ease, per-
 fectly like to those before voided, as appeared by
 comparing them. The Stone would, to any indifferent
 Person, plainly appear as if acted upon by a Sol-
 vent, so as to have greatly diminished its Bulk.
 The inner Part of the Stone was reddish, and
 harder than the external, when tried by a Knife.
 There were Two Bulgings, which rose pretty
 high above the Stone, and which appeared to be
 less acted upon by the Solvent than the other Parts.
 The Stone was not covered equally with the same
 Coat, but what covered one Part appeared to have
 been taken off in others.*

The next Day I saw Mr. *Hawkins*, and took
 down from his Mouth the following Words re-
 lating to the Appearance of the Stone:

*He saw a Stone weighing nearly Two Ounces, as
 Mrs. Thomas said. The Surface was of a whitish
 Colour, and in Part covered with a Matter that
 had all the Appearance of the soft Shells that had
 before come away in Mr. Thomas's Water.*

“ This

“ *This Matter was very Soft, and ready to fall off*
 “ *and crumble upon the least Touch. By these Ap-*
 “ *pearances he says, that he should imagine that the*
 “ *Stone had been larger, and that this soft Matter*
 “ *seem'd to be ready to fall off in a little time. The*
 “ *Part of the Stone not covered with this scaly*
 “ *Matter, appeared, when scraped with a Knife,*
 “ *of a rusty Iron Colour, and considerably hard.”*

I believe no body could have seen the prodigious Quantities of soft white Scales voided by Mr. *Thomas* soon after he began the Medicines, without being immediately reduced to this Dilemma, that the Medicines must either dissolve or generate Stone. Now surely the last Supposition it as difficult to the Imagination (if that be allowed to have any Weight here) as the first, and in this Case, as well as others of the like Kind, there seem to be some Circumstances very unfavourable to it; as that the same Urine must first incrust the Stone, and then bring off its own Incrustations in prodigious Quantities.

XXIX.

Mr. W A R I N G, Shoreham, *in* Kent.

I Began to take Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines the eighth of last *April*, and took them about two Months. I have brought away a great deal of slimy Matter, which when dry, seems to be of stony Substance: I make Water with a great deal less Pain and much freer, than I had done at any Time two or three Years before, and find my Health improved in other Respects. The chief I

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convenience which I found in taking them, was Costiveness, which I easily remedied.

August 28, 1738.

R. WARING.

XXX.

Mr. CLARK, of Stanford-Rivers, near Ongar, Essex.

I Had been many Years very much Afflicted with the Stone, having frequent and violent Pains in my Groin, my Water often stopping at full Stream, and making bloody Water after Riding. I took Mrs. Stephens's Medicines for the Stone, for seven or eight Weeks; they worked very kindly with me all that Time, and at last brought away a Stone as big as a Horse Bean, which I have now by me to shew; and I have now continued perfectly free from any Uneasiness of the Stone, for above two Years.

Octob. 11, 1738.

WILLIAM CLARK.

XXXI.

EDWARD MADDOKES, Esq. Vron Yew, near Denbigh, North-Wales.

I N the beginning of September 1735, I had a very severe Fit of Stone and Gravel, and from that Time to the End of last Spring, was not a Month together, at one Time, without severe Returns of it; but through the Means of what was given me, I voided in that Time several Scores of small Stones, and

and a few as large as the Kernel of a small Hazel-Nut; and sometimes after Walking or Riding, I used to make Urine of the Colour of Coffee. And finding after two Years and a half, being so afflicted with that miserable Distemper, and using in that Time all the Means that were prescribed me, that the Cause still remained; I resolved in *March* last to come to *London*, to *Mrs. Stephens*: At which Time I had from her a Quart Bottle of her Powders and fifteen Balls, which according to her Orders, I took at my return into the Country, three times a Day, pursuant to her usual Directions, and began with the Medicines on the twentieth Day of last *April*. And the second, third and fourth Days after I began to take them, I could perceive my Urine to be very Muddy and full of Slime, and Party-coloured. And the fifth and sixth Days I parted with Fifty-five Stones, (besides a great Quantity of Sandy Matter) some whereof were, at the Time I voided them, as large as a Rouncival Pea that had been flattened; and the rest about the Bigness of large and small Pins Heads, and when I handled some of the large Ones between my Finger and Thumb they crumbled to small Pieces (which I sent to *Mrs. Stephens*) and the small Ones at that Time seem'd to be hard. And after I had parted with these Stones I continued to take the Medicines daily as before, and voided no more solid Stones, but a vast Quantity of a slimy, reddish, and sandy Matter, daily for six Weeks or more, and then my Urine began to be at times clear, and then something Muddy again; and I still continued the Medicines as usual till the middle of *July*; at which time *Mrs. Stephens* sent me word, that I had no occasion to take any more. And thanks be to God, I never had in my Life a better Appetite than both during the Time I took the Medicines and since; nor have I ever been heartier,

or in better Health than since I left off the Medicines. All which I am ready and willing, if required, to depose upon Oath.

Dec. 14, 1738.

EDWARD MADDOCKES.

I was Thirty-eight Years of Age when I began the Medicines, and have not felt one Symptom of Stone or Gravel, since I left them off.

XXXII.

Mr. RAVENELL, *in* Princes-Street, Spittle-Fields.

I Have for several Years last past, at different Times, been much afflicted with Pains round my Waste, Pain in the Neck of the Bladder, occasioned by a Stoppage of my Water, with frequent Provocation to make, which I could not but by dribbling and with violent Pain, bloody Water, which occasioned my Body to Swell, my Heart to Faint, deprived me of my Appetite and Rest; and in short, of all Pleasure and Felicity of this Life. After great Expence in endeavouring to get Relief for many Years without Success, I lost all Hopes of ever being cured; till in the utmost of my Extremity Mr. *Villenau*, the Surgeon, believing it was the Stone or Gravel which occasioned these Fits, advised me to be examined by Mr. *Cbeselden*. Accordingly, as I could not walk to Mr. *Cbeselden*'s House, nor bear a Coach, Mr. *Cbeselden* and Mr. *Villenau* came to my House the 22d or 23d of *March*, 1738. Mr. *Cbeselden* then examined me and found a Stone in my Bladder, and said I must be Cut, the sooner the better. Enquiring of Mr.

Chefelden, if it was not possible to dissolve the Stone in the Bladder? he answered no; but said he had heard that one *Mrs. Stephens* had a Medicine which she pretended would do it, how true it was he knew not, but advised me to try it, wishing me well. Accordingly, the 27th of *March* 1738, I began to take *Mrs. Stephens's* Medicines, which for the first Fortnight encreased my Pains violently, had continual Provocation to make Water but could not, but dribbling Day and Night, bloody Water with much greater Pain than ever. The third Week I grew easier, made foul Water with Slime, and some red Gravel. The fourth Week I could walk more free, and could go now and then about my Business, free from Pain. I still continued as before, to take the Medicine according to *Mrs. Stephens's* Direction; and upon the 49th Day of taking them, I had a sudden Stoppage, (without any Pain) in the Passage of my Water, which suddenly forced its way out, so that I made Water free and in great Quantity. This I suppose was the Kernel of the Stone, which was wasted away and forced its way out. After this I continued to take the Medicine for a Week, but my Water was free and clear, and had no Pain at all, so that I left off taking them. Then *Mrs. Stephens* desired that I should be examined again by *Mr. Chefelden*; I therefore went in a Coach to *Mr. Chefelden* to be examined by him. This he did twice in the same Day, once standing and once lying upon a Table, and protested he found no Stone; declared he thought I was certainly Cured, and was heartily glad of it. And tho' I was driven several Miles over the Stones with great speed, before and after this Examination, I felt no Uneasiness, but on the contrary, was as well as ever I was in my Life, or can desire to be; and so have continued ever since blessed be God. Thanks to *Mrs. Stephens*, for the Benefit I have received

ceived from her Medicines; which have not only relieved me from a long and cruel Distemper, but have also much contributed to my general State of Health.

Dec. 15, 1738.

ABR. RAVENELL.

P. S. Mr. *Cbeselden* desiring that some body else might be Witness, he came to me on the *Sunday* Morning following, which was the 29th of *May*, 1738, with another Gentleman, whose Name I know not. Mr. *Cbeselden* examined me again and declared as before, that he found no Stone. Then the other Gentleman examined me, and said he found a Stone; upon which Mr. *Cbeselden* said also that he found one. But I have had no Pains nor Complaints since, and can walk or go over the Stones in a Coach, without Inconvenience.

XXXIII.

Mr. FORTESCUE, Farringdon, Berks.

HE has taken but one Box of Medicines. When he began, for the first two or three Days and Nights, he was in more than usual Pain, and had as before, very frequent Occasion to make Water, which was voided in very small Quantities, with the utmost Difficulty. In a Day or two following he made more Water with less Pain, and voided a slimy, dreggy, whitish Matter, and sometimes there was a gravelly Substance, as it were, wrapt up in some of the Dreggs. Some Days and Nights following, he with more Pain had frequent Calls to the Pot, and with more than ordinary Pain voided large Quantities of Sand and Gravel, which at first felt hard and gritty, but lying a few Hours

with the Urine became soft. Afterwards, *viz.* about a Fortnight ago, he was in very great Pain, and then voided two Stones of a whitish Colour, as big as white Peas, and of a longish round Make: Was then pretty easy for two or three Days and Nights. Since which he has had very great and almost intolerable Pain, and at several Times since voided more Stones, nearly like the former, in Number nine, and continues still to be in Pain.

This Account is taken from a Letter, wrote by a Friend, to desire more Medicines, and dated *Jan.* 30, 1738-9. And it is difficult to conceive, how hard Gravel should grow soft in this Person's Urine, unless it had a dissolving Power.

XXXIV.

Mr. HOLLAND, *late Warder of the Tower.*
This Case was published last Year, in the following Words.

“ **H** A S had Pains in the Region of the Kid-
 “ neys, with the voiding of small Stones,
 “ ever since the Year 1721. In *August* 1734, had
 “ a very bad Fit, but voided no Stone after it.
 “ In the *October* following, found that he could
 “ neither bear a Coach, ride, nor Walk, without a
 “ great deal of Pain, and often making bloody
 “ Water. Had frequent Provocations to make
 “ Water, and made very little at a Time. He
 “ began Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines on the third of
 “ last *October*: Upon this his Water became white,
 “ and had small white Gravel in it, like scrap-
 “ ings

“ ings of Chalk. He was in great Pain for the
 “ first Month after he began the Medicines. No-
 “ vember the fourth he was examined by the
 “ Catheter, and a Stone was found in the
 “ Bladder. Since this he has voided several
 “ Scales like Egg-shells, white on one Side, and
 “ brown on the other, with many white rotten Bits
 “ of Stone. He is at present very easy, can
 “ walk very well, and continues the Use of the
 “ Medicines.”

After this he voided an entire Stone as large as could well pass, and grew free from all his Complaints, though he was driven over the Stones in a Hackney Coach, with the utmost Violence. He was also examined again by Mr. *Hawkins*, in the Presence of Dr. *Sandys*, Dr. *Sharw*, and Mr. *Roberts*, Apothecary, in *Pall-Mall*, when a Catheter was introduced three different Times, and he was put into different Postures, but no Stone could be found. He died sometime after, of an Erysipelatous Fever in the Country, but continued free from all Calculous Complaints, to the Time of his Death. Mr. *Freke* and Mr. *Hawkins* went down, at the Desire of Mrs. *Stephens*, in order to have opened his Body, but he was buried before they arrived at the Place.

It is much to be regretted that Mr. *Holland's* Body was not opened; but still the want of this Evidence cannot invalidate the other very strong ones, which his Case affords in Favour of the Medicines.

XXXV.

Mr. M O O R E, Richmond, Surry.

A B O U T two Years since I was greatly Afflicted with Stone and Gravel, and took many Things for Relief but to little or no Purpose, upon which I applied myself to Mrs. *Stephens*, and took her Medicines for about three Months, which at last brought away two Stones, seeming to be wasted by the Medicine, for that they came away without much Pain; although when I first took the Medicine, I could barely bear the Motion of a Chariot, nor any Exercise in Walking, and was reduced by Pains in my Back, and in making Water, that it was troublesome to me to walk cross my Room. After I voided these Stones I became easy, and continued so for more than a Year, when I found a little Heat of Urine and Pain in making Water. I then took the Medicines again for about three Weeks, which made me easy, and have continued so to this Day.

Dated Dec. 8, 1738.

XXXVI.

Mrs. A L E X A N D E R, Jermyn-Street.

S H E acknowledges the having received great Benefit by Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines; she had all the usual Symptoms of the Stone both in the Kidneys and Bladder, for about a Year before she took them; during which Time she could not sup-
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port the Motion of a Coach, but now can bear a Journey without Pain, and is better in her general Health. She continues the Medicines, and from their past and present Consequences, expects to find an entire Cure.

Dated *Feb. 3, 1738-9.*

XXXVII.

Mr. ARMSTRONG, Belfay-Castle, near Newcastle upon Tyne. His Case is contained in a Letter to me, dated January 28, 1738-9.

Was much Afflicted for three or four Years upon riding, sitting late, or Drinking a little more than ordinary, and have at some Times observed, making Water, a small Quantity of Grit or Sand come away, sometimes white and sometimes red, which (as it only occasioned a little smart for once or twice making Water) I did not much regard, till about fifteen Months before I began to take the Medicines. In that Time I had several Fits of Strangury, Forcings to go to Stool, great Pain in the Urethra or Neck of the Bladder, sometimes sudden Stoppage, often great Incontinency of Urine, which was very hot, and made very little in a Time: In these Fits it was for the most part pale, at other Times high Coloured, and upon riding or much Motion, frequently Coffee-coloured, and at several Times bloody. After standing a while in a Basin, some Grit of a red Colour would often stick to the Sides, and some fall to the Bottom; and sometimes I have found in the Bottom of the Pot or Basin, after pouring out my Water, a small

small Quantity of clear white Sand, very sharp and hard, but had seldom or never any Pain in my Back worth Notice.

I began to take the Medicines about the 10th of *October* last, at *Newcastle upon Tyne*, and continued them according to *Mrs. Stephens's* Directions, for upwards of a Month. In 24 Hours after taking, they changed my Water from a reddish high Colour to a white wheyish Colour, it was turbid at the Time of making, and deposited a white Sediment after standing, and continued so most of the Time I took the Medicines regularly. About the third Day began to come away thin white Scales in a soft State, and continued more or less almost every Day for ten or twelve Days. And then, after two or three Days interval, came away larger Flakes and harder than before; and toward the End of the Month still more large and hard, and often with a hollow Side of a brown Colour, the round Side white as before. And amongst these Flakes came away at sometimes, chalky Pieces of Matter, sometimes of an irregular Form and sometimes round; about the Size of small hail Shot, which for the most Part would crumble easily. I saved several of these Scales, &c. and *Dr. Askew* of *Newcastle* (who was so kind as often to visit me) saw some of them.

I had some Sensations but seldom any great Pain during this Time, except a little before and at the Time the largest Pieces came away, which Pain never continued long at any one Time, nor was it ever equal to that I had often endured, before taking the Medicines. After this, while I was yet taking the Medicines, finding myself much easier, I too forwardly ventured abroad one Day in the Town; it being then cold rainy Weather, I was taken with a violent Cold, to such a Degree, as obliged me to discontinue the Medicines for
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about a Week. After my Recovery I continued them again, and do still, but with great Intermiffions; my Occasions requiring me to ride and go broad, which I can now do with tolerable Eafe.

I have taken two Parcels of Medicines, each Parcel being about a Quart Bottle of Powder and twenty Balls; and have ordered a third Parcel, which I intend to take regularly, being fenfible my Cure is not yet compleated, but conceive the Kernel of the Stone or fome confiderable Part of it, yet remains. But the Relief I have had, and the Succes of others who have taken them, give me great Encouragement to continue them; especially that of Mr. *Bolton*, who has fhewn me a great Quantity of Scales refembling thofe of my own, and feveral Pieces of Stone, with one entire one, which thefe Medicines brought away; and I think this a clear Demonftration of their Efficacy. They agree exceeding well with my general Health, which I think is rather improved than impaired by them, having never had any fevere Fit of the Diforder, nor any other Illnefs, fave the Cold above-mentioned, fince I took them.

XXXVIII.

Mr. GREENE, Chigwell, Effex. *The following Account is taken from a Letter, dated February 3, 1738-9.*

AFTER Riding or Walking I made bloody Water, and had frequently very fick Fits, but never voided any Stones before taking the Medicines. My Provocations to make Water were very often, and then not above a Spoonful at a
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Time, and could hardly hold to the Pot, though it stood by me. And after I began to take the Medicines, they were of so binding a Nature, I did not go to Stool for three Days, so that I took a Glyster, which gave me Ease; and about a Fortnight after I perceived small crumbly Pieces of Stone to come from me, which were soft and brown at first, but by keeping they turned whitish, my Pain being always in the Neck of my Bladder, and have continued mending ever since. I can now ride a Trot or Gallop, have no Pain, and have Reason to believe I am cured. And this I declare in Justice to Mrs. *Stephens*, and for the Good of the Public.

XXXIX.

Mr. PINNOCK, Wantage, Berks. *His Case is drawn up by Mr. Towsey, an Apothecary, at Wantage, and dated February 4, 1738-9.*

MR. *Pinnock* is a Gentleman of a sedentary Life, greatly afflicted with a strong Cholic Wind, and greatly subject to the Stone in his Kidneys, for more than fifteen Years last past; and has voided great Numbers of divers Shapes, Colours and Magnitudes, one or two of which are white and hard, all which I have by me now. But within five Years last past, he has had Symptoms of a Stone or Stones in his Bladder, which have continually increased with exquisite Pains, though all Forms of Medicines have been directed by eminent Physicians, till within the Space of 18 Months, one of the Stones (for so it appeared) moved forwards, and caused an entire suppression of

of Urine for some Days, attended with great Pain and Hazard of Life, but by the Assistance of suitable Medicines the Symptoms abated, and the Stone came away in large, white, hard Scales, about the Size of a Finger Nail, and the Thickness of a half Crown, and some so large as not to pass the Urethra without the Use of a Forceps; all which Scales I have by me, and they make a Stone of the Bigness of a Pigeon's Egg. Since that he has been tolerably easy, though most Days in Pain more or less; but now there remains another Stone in his Bladder, and being encouraged to take Mrs. Stephens's Medicines, he began the Use of them about the Beginning of *September* last, and has constantly taken them ever since, though not always three Times a Day, his Stomach would not retain it so often. I attended him constantly, and found the Medicines had no Effect on the Stone till about *Christmas* last, when there appeared three or four Scales exceeding thin, and soft, of a greyish Colour, about the Bigness of half a small Finger Nail, and of that Shape; and so about once in five or six Days we found more of the same Sort, but no Grit nor Sand, and his Water always clear. He has this particular Advantage by the Medicines, he holds his Water much better than before.

 XL.

Mr. SMITH, Mains, near St. Albans. *The following Account is taken from a Letter, dated February 4, 1738-9.*

AS the Multitude of unhappy Sufferers, who who have been relieved by Mrs. Stephens's Medicines, first induced me to become her Patient,

so the same Argument prevailed with me to continue such for sixteen Months. But it is my Misfortune, that notwithstanding I have punctually pursued the Rules and Medicines which she enjoined me, the same Symptoms which preceeded my Compliance with her Orders, continued during the Use of her Medicines; nor have I found any Benefit from that Length of Time, I so carefully followed her Prescriptions.

I am still attended with great Pains in the Loins, a Weight and Pressure at the Bottom of the Belly, Heat of Urine, frequent Motions to make Water, and as frequently interrupted; oftentimes a too frequent Propensity to Stool, and upon the least unusual Exercise, either of walking or riding, I am subject to make bloody Water. When I first took the Medicines, I voided several seeming partial Surfaces of a Stone.

It appears also by this Gentleman's Letter to Mrs. *Stephens*, that his Water had often a thick white Sediment, and it is probable that some Part of this might be Stone, under an impalpable Form, provided the dissolving Power of the medicated Urine shall appear from other Evidences. A real dissolvent must require a different Time in different Cases, and one cannot tell where to fix the precise Limits, so as to say, that because a Medicine has not dissolved the Stone entirely within a certain Time, it has therefore had no Effect at all.

XLI.

RICHARD SOUTHBY, *Esq.* Carfwell, near Faringdon, Berks. *The following Account is taken from a Letter, dated February 3, 1738-9.*

WHEN I first applied to Dr. *Frewin*, which was last Summer, and acquainted him with my Case, by telling him I made bloody Water, either riding in a Coach far, or on Horseback; he told me he feared I had a Stone, and advised my being searched, upon which I went to *London*, and was searched by Mr. *Bigg*. He told me I had a Stone, but a small one, upon which I resolved on taking the Medicine; and began it the 23^d of *September*, three times a Day, and in eight or nine Weeks received perfect Ease. In the beginning, it brought from me a thick Matter, which when separated from the Urine, was white like clouted Milk. After some Days it brought away small Pieces of Stone of a whitish Colour, without much Pain, except towards the last, which was as I remember about seven Weeks End, at which Time a pretty large one, compared with the former, came away, but seemed to stop in the Passage, till taking my Afternoon Draught, *that* came away. It was of a reddish Colour, and I was quickly well; for I rode in a Coach and Horseback perfectly easy, and continue so, with my Water of an healthy Colour.

XLII. Mr.

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Mr. C H E S H I R E, Shrewsbury.

I *Richard Cheshire*, of the Town of *Shrewsbury*, have been afflicted with the Stone for about the Space of four Years, and frequently had my Water taken off with a Catheter, by *Peter Blakeway*, Surgeon of the said Town, who made both myself, Son, and his Apprentice feel the same, and he often told me he believed it a very large one. On the 24th of *October* 1738, I being then 73 Years of Age, I began *Mrs. Stephens's* Medicines. I took them regularly three Times each Day; they made me very Sick, and I had much Difficulty to go on with them, being much afflicted with the Piles. *November* 3, my Stools began to be much whiter than usual, and in looking into my Chamber-Pot, the Sediment in it appeared of a dusky white, much resembling Ashes, and in a large Quantity. I then began to be in good Spirits, and had somewhat better Nights, than I had since I began the Medicine. Upon the sixth, there came a greater Quantity than had been any Day before, and upon the 18th there came a great Quantity (though every Time I made Water some came) and I began then to be very easy, not feeling the Weight as usual at the Neck of my Bladder. Upon the 18th I was examined by the said *Peter Blakeway*, and on *December* the third, and he could not find any Stone. I finished my Medicines on the 27th of *November*; and at the Writing of this I can make Water as well as I ever could, and Sleep, and have all the Functions of Life, as well as any Man of my Age.

RICHARD CHESHIRE.

XLIII. Mr.

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Mr. N E A U, Compton - Street, St. Ann's.
*His Case was publish'd last Year, in the
 following Words.*

“ **H** A S had the Symptoms of a Stone in the
 “ Bladder for about six Years: Was examin-
 “ ed soon after the Appearance of these Symptoms
 “ by the Catheter, and a Stone found in the
 “ Bladder. Had great Pain and Difficulty in
 “ making Water; a sudden Stoppage often, Force-
 “ ings to go to Stool; and made bloody Water
 “ upon Motion. He began Mrs. Stephens's Medi-
 “ cines upon the fifteenth of last *September*. He
 “ was examined by the Catheter on the Twenty-
 “ seventh of *October*, and a Stone was found in
 “ the Bladder. Upon taking the Medicines his
 “ Water became turbid at the Time of making,
 “ and he has voided several white Shells in so soft
 “ a State, as to crumble easily, with one large
 “ irregular Stone. He voided a large Stone and
 “ several Shells before he took the Medicines, but
 “ they were all brown and very hard. He has now
 “ very few Complaints, is able to go over the
 “ Stones in a Coach, without Inconvenience, and
 “ continues the Use of the Medicines.”

He takes the Medicines still, though not in full
 Quantity and with some Intermissions, can walk,
 and bear a Coach without Inconvenience, and is
 much better upon the Whole, but not quite well.

XLIV. Mr.

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Mr. SIMMONS, Ospringe, near Feversham,
Kent.

ABOUT *Christmas* 1735, I began to be troubled with a Stoppage in my Urine, which grew worse and worse, with an Ulcer; till last Spring was Twelve-month I was so bad I knew not what Course to take. I wanted to make Water some Days ten, twenty, thirty or forty Times a Day or more, with abundance of Pain, and sometimes did not make above half a Spoonful, and sometimes a Spoonful, and sometimes but some few Drops, and that with abundance of Pain indeed.

This continued till *May* 1737; then I went to *London* to seek for Ease. I began to take Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines the 13th of *May*, 1737. I staid in *London* till the 17th of *June* 1737, then came home and kept taking Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines very regularly, and I grew better and better every Day, till I left off taking the Medicines, which I did in *January* last, when I was as well as any Body, I thank GOD for it.

When I went to *London* I could not ride in any Waggon or Cart, nor on Horseback, only a foot Pace, as softly as Foot could fall. I can now ride in any Waggon, Cart, and on Horseback, any Pace, with as much Pleasure as ever I did. I cannot say but my Back has grove now and then with a small Pain, which it did now and then twenty Years ago. I have taken Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines twice since *January*; once for about a Month, and the other Time for about a Fortnight. I

now

now am well: I can and do ride, and go about my Business as well as any Body.

Nov. 22, 1738.

JOHN SIMMONS.

It appears also, by this Gentleman's Letters to Mrs. *Stephens*, that during the Use of the Medicines he had the thick Water often, and that he twice imagined something to be voided by the Urethra, while at Stool; the first Time he had considerable Pain in the Urethra for a quarter of an Hour after, but none the second. He has likewise voided a small Stone or two this last Summer; and he told me in *June* 1737, that he had often voided small Stones before he began the Medicines, and that he used to make bloody Water upon Motion.

XLV.

Mr. SNAPE, *late of Panton-Street. His Case was published last Year, in the following Words.*

“ ABOUT three Years ago he began to have
 “ a Pain in making Water, made little
 “ at a Time, and had a Provocation to it every
 “ quarter of an Hour. Had violent Forcings to
 “ go to Stool at the same Time; made bloody
 “ Water upon much Motion. In the End of the
 “ Year 1735, after having taken some lenitive
 “ Electuary, he voided many small Stones in a
 “ hard State, but received no Relief thereby.
 “ In *April* 1736, he began Mrs. *Stephens's* Medi-
 “ cines: Upon the Use of these he grew much
 “ easier, his Water became turbid at the Time
 “ of making, and he voided a great Number
 “ of

“ of small Stones in a soft State, which by their
 “ Corners seemed to have been Pieces of larger.
 “ He took the Medicines for about a Year, and
 “ has been perfectly well ever since he left them
 “ off.”

He continued perfectly well till *Sunday December* 25, 1738, and then was seized early in the Morning with violent Pains in his Back, Vomitings, and a suppression of Urine. Dr. *Shaw*, Mr. *Hawkins* and I attended him, he was blooded twice, had several Glysters, was set upon his Head and shaken, took a few of Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines and some Cantharides, and Mr. *Hawkins* passed the Catheter, into his Bladder, all without Effect. The warm Bath, with the Motion of a Hackney Coach, were also proposed, but he did not comply with the Proposal. He was almost 74 Years old, grew extremely weak in a short Time, and died the *Friday* following; not having parted with any Water all the Time. I could not get Leave to have his Body opened.

Here it appears, that the Stoppage was above the Bladder, and yet all Mr. *Snape's* former Complaints were in his Bladder, were all entirely removed by the Medicines, and never returned. However it ought to be observed, that he had still a white Sediment in his Urine when he left them off, and that Mrs. *Stephens* then advised him to take them some Time longer upon that Account; which also he had oftentimes resolved to do, but never did. And it seems to me, if these Medicines be supposed to have a dissolving Power, that a fatal suppression can hardly happen during the Use of them, but that it is hazardous not to take them, where there are suspicions of Stones in the Kidneys. How far the turbid wheyish Water and thick white Sediment, in those

those that take them, are Proofs of a Stone somewhere in the Urinary Passages, I am not yet satisfied; but from what has come to my Knowledge hitherto, I am inclined to believe them probable Evidences, and that they certainly contain more or less of the Stone, in an impalpable Form, where there is one.

XLVI.

Mr. HILL, Brew-House, *opposite to Gray's-Inn Gardens.*

HE says, that besides the usual Symptoms of a Stone, he has had an Ulcer in his Bladder some Time, which (being withal very Aged) has brought him exceeding low. He took Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines three Months, but not finding them answer his Expectations, he grew tired and left them off.

XLVII.

Mr. STILES, Duke-Street, York-Buildings, *near the Strand.*

HAD great Pain, Difficulty and Incontinence of Urine. Made bloody Water upon Motion. Had the Sensation of a Weight in the Region of the Bladder. Took Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines for about five Months. His Water was thick upon this, but he voided no Stones, or Pieces of Stones. Grew free from his Complaints, and has continued so ever since he left off the Medi-

cines, which is more than half a Year. He had voided several Stones before he took them.

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XLVIII.

Mr. JOHNSON, Round-Court, *near the Strand.*

HA S had the Symptoms of a Stone in the Bladder for 15 Years. Began Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines in *May*, 1738. He has continued them ever since, excepting for one Interval of three Months, but cannot always take the full Quantity. They have made him easier upon the whole, but his Fits of the Stone are more severe: He has voided no Stones, or Pieces of Stone. His Water is turbid at the Time of making, and has a white Sediment.

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XLIX.

Mr. BULL, *at the Golden-Ball, in St. Paul's Church-Yard.*

BE G A N about three Years ago to be troubled with stoppage of Urine, and Pain in the *Glans Penis*, and soon after he made bloody Water upon any extraordinary Motion. This was followed by an almost constant Provocation to make Water, and with so much Pain and Difficulty, that he was reduced to a very weak and low Condition. He never brought away any Stones or Gravel, before he took Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines. He

began

began these in *May* 1737, and continued them pretty regularly some few Months; in which Time he brought away a great Quantity of Slime with some Scales, and became so easy and well as to go about with great Alacrity, and last Summer went several Journeys into the Country. He is not yet quite well, but so much engaged in Business, that he cannot take the Medicines constantly; but whenever he finds any the least Pain he takes a Powder or two, sometimes not more than two or three in a Week, and always finds present Ease. He says, that if he had Time to take the Medicines as he ought, he is sure they would perfectly Cure him of the Stone.

L.

Mr. FENN, *at a Cheesemongers, near Exeter-Exchange, in the Strand.*

HAD been in an ill State of Health for several Months, but with such sort of Symptoms as gave but little Suspicion of a Stone in the Bladder. However, in the beginning of *September* last, he was examined by Mr. *Chefelden*, who said he found a Stone in the Bladder; but on Account of his great Age (which is near Seventy) and ill Health in other Respects, would not advise him to be Cut. He then began Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines, and though not able to take them so often in a Day as required, yet finds himself much better in every Respect.

LJ. Mr.

LI.

Mr. BARNET *in* Red-Lion-Street.

WAS troubled with excessive Pains in the Back, stoppage of Urine, and great swelling of the Belly. Continued very bad, almost incapable of following his Business for upwards of a Twelve-month. Was often confined with a violent Fit of Pain and swelling for a Fortnight at a Time. He began to take Mrs. *Stephens's* Powder about seven Years ago. He took it sometimes twice, and sometimes three Times a-Day, with some Intermissions, for about ten Months; in which Time he voided a great Number of small Stones, with one large Oblong Stone of a whitish Colour; and has been perfectly free from every Complaint of that Kind ever since.

LII.

The Hon. DIXIE WINDSOR, *Esq;* Brook-
End *near* Potton, Bedfordshire.

IN *August* 1736, and ever since I have made bloody Urine on riding a trotting Horse, going in a Coach over the Stones, or upon much Walking; and have been greatly afflicted with Strangury and violent Pains at making Water, and have had other common Symptoms of a Stone in the Bladder. In *July* 1737, I was twice examined with the Catheter by a Surgeon, who felt either Gravel or Stone the first Time, but said he could not be positive. Upon his second Trial he could perceive nothing, and upon

upon the whole declined giving any Opinion at all. In *January* 1737-8, I parted with two Stones at the same Instant, without much Pain, one very hard, a little yellowish, with five flat Sides; the other round with a white Coat, and not so hard, each of them near as big as a Horse-Bean, but my Pains were not lessened by these Stones coming away. On *May* 14, 1738, I was searched again, now by the Finger in *Ano*, and two Stones were found, the larger about the Size of an Hazel-Nut. Having drank honey'd Water, or the Almond Emulsion, every Day for above a Twelve-Month, with but little Ease from Strangury Pains, I this Day began taking Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines; and continued to do so regularly for six Weeks, and then came into the Country. While I was in Town, and indeed ever since, when I have exactly followed Mrs. *Stephens's* Directions, I have been much freer from Pain than I was before I entered upon her Course; but soon after I came hither, my Body and Legs swelled very much, and I was exceeding Lethargic, and otherwise indisposed; which made me for a Time lay aside the Medicines, and I have never been so regular in taking them since. However, having lately parted with some Bits like Shells of a Stone, and my Health in general being better than it was, I am resolved to go on with the Medicines in hopes of being cured at last.

Brook-End *Feb.*
4, 1738-9.

D. WINDSOR.

LIII.

Mr. BROMLEY, Holles-Street, near Clare-Market.

BEGAN about fifteen Years ago (being then Forty-five Years of Age) to find Symptoms of the Stone both of the Kidneys and Bladder, *viz.* violent Pains in the Back, frequent stoppage of Urine, Pain in the *Glans Penis*, and bloody Water upon Motion. In the Course of some Years, he voided a great Number of small Stones about the Size of Tares. In the Year 1730, he took Mrs. *Stephens's* Powder twice a Day for about six Months, in all which Time he voided no Stone; but his Water had always a thick Sediment. When he had taken the Medicine thus long, not finding it answer his Expectation, he left it entirely off, and about two Months after, *viz.* in *March* 1730, was cut in *St. Thomas's Hospital* by Mr. *Chefelden*, and had a Stone taken out of his Bladder, weighing about an Ounce and a Half, of a flat Shape, rough and granulated on the Surface. He continued well about four Years and a Half, then began to find the same Symptoms as before, and in *May* 1738, was cut a 2d Time by Mr. *Chefelden*, at the Infirmary in *Westminster*, who took out a Stone weighing about an Ounce.

LIV.

Mr. WHITAKER, Burchbury near Ingatston,
Essex.

SOME Years since I voided a Stone half an Inch long, full as big as a Tobacco-Pipe, of a mix'd Colour, white and brown, and very ragged. After that I was easy for some Time. About five Years before I took Mrs. *Stephens's* Powders, I could not Ride nor Walk without much Pain, and a Motion to make Water very often, with a Pain in my Limbs. I never voided any Stone or Gravel by taking Mrs. *Stephens's* Powders, but observed my Water to be white and thick, which before used to be clear. I find myself most easy when my Water is thick. The Powder has not had the desired Effect upon me; I have most violent Fits sometimes for three or four Days and Nights with a continual Motion to make Water, and as often to Stool, which is the greater Pain of the two.

Feb. 6, 1738-9.

J. WHITAKER.

He continues the Powders.

LV.

The Rev. Dr. SHIPPEN, Principal of Brazen-
Nose College, Oxford.

ABOUT two Years ago, upon any Motion, for an Hour, tho' ever so slow, either on Foot or Horse-back, I made bloody Water with some small Pain. I applied to several of the most eminent Physicians and Surgeons, who on a Con-
K sultation

sultation were unanimous in their Opinions, that I had a Stone in the Kidney. They prescribed some emollient and lubricating Medicines, which I took half a Year without Relief. I then began to take Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines, *April 27, 1737*. The first Fortnight they increased my Pain, which Effect she informed me, they usually had upon her Patients, but afterwards they gave me no more Pain, tho' I constantly took them according to her Direction till the middle of *January* following. Ever since that Time I have been very easy, and can bear a Coach in *London* Streets, or ride a trotting Horse without any Inconvenience, and have had no Return of my Disorder.

Oct. 2, 1738.

ROBERT SHIPPEN.

And in a Letter dated *Feb. 5, 1738-9*, he says, that sometime ago he had a Difficulty of making Water in the Night, but no Pain; has much red Sediment or Mucus in his Urine, and voids a great deal of red Gravel bigger than Pins Heads upon riding.

LVI.

Major MAITLAND, Wakefield, Yorkshire.

To Mrs. STEPHENS.

M A D A M,

Wakefield, *Feb. 5, 1738-9.*

ON the fourth Day after I began to take your Medicines, I found a Stoppage of Urine about 11 in the Morning, which continued about four Hours, after which the Water forced a Passage, and brought away a good deal of Sand and Grit. I continued the Medicines notwithstanding, but was surprized the next Day, with the same Circumstance,

cumstance, which was likewise attended with the same Consequence. But the Day following, I had a total Suppression of Urine for fifteen Hours, which occasioned the most racking Tortures, and brought on a Fever: But our Surgeon's Skill and Care (with God's great Mercy) brought me thro' it. The Neck of the Bladder was quite choak'd up with crusted Sand, &c. which caused such an Inflammation, that the Catheter could not be introduced into it; but warm Broths, a Turpentine Glister, and proper Draughts, taken internally, relieved me perfectly, and I have now none of the Symptoms which induced me to take the Medicines. I make Water freely, and am now of Opinion that I have no Stone, tho' perhaps it might in Time have come to that. I shall therefore leave off the Medicines, till I see farther into the Matter, notwithstanding I have frequently a great Quantity of red Gravel, which comes kindly away; but in my Life I never had a Fit of the Stone, or any other Symptoms, but what I first acquainted you with, *viz.* a frequent Irritation to make Water, with some Heat in its passing, which I suppose now to have been entirely owing to that encrusted Sand and Grit, which I bless God for it is now carried off.

I am,

Your very humble Servant

JOHN MAITLAND.

I should be glad to have your Opinion of this Affair.

LVII.

Mr. DENNISON, Leeds, Yorkshire.

WAS afflicted with Gravel for eighteen Months before he took Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines, in which Time, if he used any Exercise of riding or walking, it made his Water almost of the Colour of Coffee. But upon taking the Medicines, that Symptom ceased in three Months Time, and he began to enjoy Ease and Health. He has taken the Medicines constantly for ten Months, ending about *Christmas* last, during which Time he had some very severe Fits, which confined him to his Bed for a Day or two, but as he parted with Gravel he recovered. This Gravel was sometimes red, hard and as large as a Wheat Corn, at other Times red, and as small as the finest Sand. He has still some slight Pains and a Fulness in his Kidneys.

This Account is taken from a Letter dated *Feb. 5, 1738-9*. By his other Letters it appears that he voided the red Gravel above-mentioned, before he took the Medicines, and he does not say in them that he voided any Thing of this Kind, during the Use of the Medicines, except once some gritty Slime.

LVIII. Mrs.

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Mr. SELBY, Pimperne, near Blandford,
Dorsetshire.

I George Selby, Husbandman, Aged 70, have been afflicted with the Stone upwards of three Years, which entirely deprived me of the Benefit of my Labour, infomuch that I could not walk; and for the greatest Part of the Time have been in such Misery, that I have often desired my Friends to put an End to my Life, rather than live in such Torment. But hearing of Mrs. Stephens's Medicines, I desired a Friend of mine to procure me some, which I have taken about twenty Weeks, according to her Direction, and which by the Blessing of GOD, has eased me of my Pain, and recovered my Strength, infomuch that I am able to Thresh, and do the rest of my Business as well as most Men of my Age.

Witness my Hand,

Feb. 4, 1738-9.

GEORGE SELBY.

Mr. Pitt, the Gentleman who sent this Certificate, mentions withal, that before he took the Medicines he had frequently voided small Stones, as hard as any Stone; but since, he has voided small Stones and Scales of Stone, that would turn to a sort of brown Earth as soon as squeezed between the Fingers; also that he had a very great Settlement in his Water of a white Colour, but a gritty Substance, but now has very little and makes Water freely; so so that he takes the Medicine but once a Day, and sometimes but once in two Days.

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The Hon. Mrs. P O Y N T Z, at St. James's Palace.

WAS Afflicted with the Stone of the Kidneys for several Years, and reduced by it to a very bad State of Health, being also obliged to take Opiates in such Quantities, as were very prejudicial to her. *Mrs. Stephens's* Medicines have removed her Pains, and she is in perfect Health in other Respects.

LX.

Mrs. F R O W L I N, at St. James's Palace.

HAS taken *Mrs. Stephens's* Medicines, and received very great Benefit from them in the Stone of the Kidneys.

LXI.

Mr. S C A T E, Verger of St. Paul's.

HAS been troubled with the Stone several Years. About two Years ago took *Mrs. Stephens's* Medicines for eight Weeks; has brought away a great Number of small Stones and some Scales, but continues to have the same Symptoms as before.

LXII. Mr.

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Mr. DRAPER, a Cheefemonger, in Shoe-Lane, Fleet-Street.

ABOUT four Years ago began to be troubled with Pain in the Back, Thighs, and Calves of the Legs, attended with an Uneasiness after making Water, and used to void great Quantities of red Gravel. He began Mrs. Stephens's Medicines in *May* 1737, took them regularly three Times a Day, for a whole Year, voided no red Gravel in all that Time, but his Water had always a thick whitish Sediment. Soon after he left off the Medicines, he found exactly the same Symptoms, as before he began them.

LXIII.

Mrs. JEFKINS, in High-Street, near St. Giles's Pound.

BEGAN in *July* 1736, to be troubled with violent Pains in the Back, Belly and Thighs, with frequent stoppage of Urine; and being under a general ill State of Health, was with extremity of Pain and loss of Appetite together, reduced to so weak a Condition, as not to be able to walk about in her Room. She began the Medicines in *April* 1737, and in a Fortnight's Time found her Appetite considerably improved, and soon after her Strength increased a-pace. She continued the Medicines constantly for 15 Months, her Water all the Time depositing a thick Sediment, which dried into a brownish earthy Substance. She is
now

now perfectly well, excepting some small Sensation of Pain in the Back, upon taking a very long Walk, or using any violent Exercise; and whenever she finds the least Uneasiness, is sure of present Relief, by taking two or three Doses of the Medicines.

LXIV.

Mr. BROTHERTON, Ecclestone, *near*
Prescott, Lancashire.

HAS had Pain and Stoppage in making Water for more than four Years, with the Discharge of Gravel and Stones. Took Mrs. Stephens's Medicines for six Weeks, voided white soft Scales and small Pieces of Stone, and has received some Relief.

LXV.

THOMAS ROBERTS, Esq. *at* Wardley, *near*
Uppingham, Rutlandshire.

TWenty-years ago and upwards, I used to be frequently Afflicted with intolerable Pain in my left Kidney, and so continued till within ten Years of this Time, which Pains would hold me sometimes ten or twelve Hours, and when they ceased, there generally followed a pretty large Stone of a reddish Colour like Gravel congealed. Sometime after these violent Fits left me, (which is now about nine or ten Years) my present Complaints came on, which seem to me to be chiefly in the Bladder, and affect me chiefly in making
Water,

Water, by sharp Pieces of Stones pressing forward and obstructing it; Pieces of various Shapes often coming away with great Pain, some of them thin and Angular, like broken Nut-shells, and some of a larger Size and different Forms. If they happened to come in a right Position, they would slip away more easily.

I am still sensible of some Pains in the Kidney, but not violent like the former. I shall add this farther, that of late Years upon Motion, either on Foot or Horseback, my Urine has been always bloody, which I suppose to be occasioned by the working backwards and forwards of those sharp Pieces, which must necessarily tear the Vessels.

Since my taking Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines I must own that I am much easier, not so apt to have bloody Urine, nor so much Pain in making Water, and can retain it much longer. But I have had very few Pieces come away, and those but small. Some, upon touching them, would fall to Powder, others retain their Hardness. Though I cannot say I am quite well yet, (Thanks be to God) I am much better, and if I continue so shall think myself very happy; doubting that I must not expect to be better, by Reason of my Age, which is 69; and I am sometimes troubled with the Gout in the extreme Parts, but have not had a Fit since I began the Medicines, which is now four Months. I still keep taking them; they are rather Purging than otherwise. Since I had the last Parcel, I have taken but two Doses a Day, by Reason of the shortness of the Days.

Feb. 7, 1738-9.

THOMAS ROBERTS.

LXVI.

Master WYNNE, *Son to Robert Wynne, Esq. of Plasnewidd, in Denbighshire. His Case is contained in a Letter to Mr. Harding, Bookseller, in St. Martin's-Lane, dated January 16, 1738-9.*

S I R,

Actuated by a Principle of Justice, and a tender Regard to the Welfare of my Fellow Creatures, I do pursuant to a fair Advertisement, that desired no Favour, but a just Account of the Good or Hurt received from Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines, certify in my Son's Behalf, (an Infant of Sixteen) that he has for a considerable Time, in Schools pretty distant from us, laboured under urinary Complaints; that he had sudden and frequent Calls to Urine; made little at a Time, and that in great Pain, with Obstruction and Sharpness at the End of the *Penis*; that sometimes a *Tenesmus* attended these Complaints; that he had quite lost both his Appetite and Sleep, having been long afflicted with frequent and violent Head-achs; that in short, he was reduced to very great Weakness, become lean, languid and Spiritless, walking mostly as we observed on his Tip-toes, and stooping with an aukward Difficulty.

Under these melancholy and perplexing Circumstances, I applied, by a Friend, to the Doctors *Hulse, Shaw* and *Perrot Williams*, for their Opinion on my Son's Case drawn at length, who were unanimous, in thinking his Complaints proceeded from a Stone in the Bladder.

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These Gentlemen advised the Catheter, but being averſe to ſubmit to an Operation, attended with uncertainty as well as Pain, I choſe rather to make a Tryal of Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines (who appeared to me in a quite oppoſite Light to Quacks, as ſhe ſeemed deſirous to diſcover her Secret, even *gratis*, if it did not answer the End propoſed, and thereby conſequently to looſe her preſent Gains) which my Son began the 24th of *May* laſt. By the Uſe of theſe he ſoon recovered his loſt Appetite and Sleep, his Bowels became ſoon eaſy and ſettled, his violent and tormenting Head-aches were removed; he was obſerved in a ſhort Time to tread firm and ſtrong, and I bleſs God, is now more lively and fleſhy than we ever remember him to have been before.

But to be more particular in the Progreſs of this Remedy. My Son, in the beginning of his Courſe, voided very ſmall glittering Sand in a very little Quantity, as alſo ſome Matter of Subſtance, of a white and red Colour, very like Mortar taken out of a Wall; but neither of theſe have been often repeated, nor at any Time ſince. But his Urine has all along had a conſtant Sediment (appearing whiſt in the Pot, not unlike what it was, before the Medicine was begun upon) which we now filtre, and when dried it has a whitish Caſt; ſometimes gritty, and ſometimes not perceivably ſo; very much like Powder, or dried and crumbled Paſte; making as white an Impreſſion as Chalk does, when applied that way. His Pain and Hurry before, at, and after Water, are ſo much decreased, that though they were almoſt conſtant, I may ſay they are now for the moſt Part vaniſhed; and that in ſo gradual a Manner, that the extremeſt Pains abated in all Urines, pretty early in the Progreſs; next to this his Day Water became eaſy, that in the Morning remaining painful. Now he has Pains not conſtantly in

his first Mornings Water, but is often free, and at other Mornings something uneasy.

His Water, I must confess, continues still cloudy, after standing a while in the Pot, and while this Symptom abides, and any little Pain at any Water, I am not to think him absolutely Cured, though in every other Respect, as Healthy as any Child, in all Appearances, whatsoever: Still I have strong Hopes of his perfect Recovery, in GOD's good Time, as the Malady has been lessened by Degrees. And as his Complaints were various, and his Condition weak at the beginning, I am thoroughly satisfied this Medicine is wholesom and safe in general, and Time has given it Sanction, by observing no Inconvenience from it, for he has not been at all Sick after taking it; which with the length of Time he has been at it, has given me some private Uneasiness, as doubting whether his Case was the Stone. For I found most had been Cured in less Time, and almost every Body Sick after taking the Medicine, towards the Beginning. In this I am comforted, that the Difference proceeds from the Nature or Make of the Stone; and as his is supposed to be smooth, the Medicine will sometimes operate in this Manner, without any Sickness at all in the Beginning.

I am, S I R,

Your unknown Humble Servant,

ROBERT WYNNÉ.

LXVII. Lady

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Lady **BLOMBERG**, *in* Arlington-Street.

HER Ladyship has been afflicted with the Stone for some Years, has taken Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines for about one Year, and still continues to take them. But her Stomach will not bear them ever in full Quantity, and sometimes not at all. She is rather more uneasy as to her Complaints than when she began.

LXVIII.

Mrs. **WILLIAMS** *at the* Bell, *over-against* Charles-Court *in the* Strand.

HAD a violent Fit of Pain in the Back, which lasted twelve Days together. She then began Mrs. *Stephens's* Pills, and at the End of three Days brought away a great deal of red Gravel and thick Sediment in the Water. She took the Pills for three Weeks only, and became very easy.

LXIX.

Mr. **SMITH**, *at the* Bunch of Grapes *in* Covent-Garden Market.

WAS troubled with Pain in the Back, and Difficulty of making Water for some Months, and brought away a good Deal of red Gravel and one small Stone. Took Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines about

bout eight Weeks. His Water had a thick heavy Sediment all the Time, he left them off about two Years ago, and has been perfectly easy ever since.

LXX.

Mr. HARRIS, *over-against* Somerfet-House *in the Strand.*

HAS been troubled with Pain of the Back, and frequent Stoppage of Urine for about eight Years. Ufed to void small Stones, and after violent Motion to make bloody Water. He began Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines in *September*, 1736, and continued them almost a Year, during which Time he voided no Stones, but a great Number of Scales, and a great Deal of thick heavy Sediment. Six Weeks after he left off the Medicines, he began to void small Stones as before.

LXXI.

Mr. LONDON, *at the Golden-Spectacles, over-against* Somerfet-House.

AGED Seventy-seven, has been troubled with Pain in the Back, and stoppage of Urine for about three Years. For the last three Months before he entered into a Course of Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines, he constantly made bloody Water, and often brought away a great deal of a blackish ropy Slime. He began Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines the Latter-end of last *May*. They agreed very well with him, and in less than a Fortnight his Water became free from Blood and Slime, but had a thick heavy

heavy Sediment. He continues the Medicines, and is perfectly easy, having neither Pain nor Stoppage, and can walk six or seven Miles without any Inconvenience.

LXXII.

Mrs. B E C K, *in* Clare-market.

A BOUT four Years ago was constantly troubled with violent Pain in the Back and Belly. Took Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines about four Months. Brought away a good deal of Gravel and became very easy.

LXXIII.

Mrs. FLETCHER, *next Door to the Kings-Arms in* Wild-Street,

W A S troubled with Pain in the Back. Took Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines about eight Weeks, brought away some Gravel and thick Sediment in the Urine, and became very easy.

LXXIV.

Mr. SALISBURY, *near the New-Church in* the Strand.

W A S troubled with Pain in the Back and stoppage of Urine for seven or eight Years. About two Years ago he took Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines for six Weeks, brought away a great Number

ber of small Stones, and much thick heavy Sediment, and became very easy.

LXXV.

The Rev. Mr. WRENCH near Norwich.

IN Summer 1736, began to be sensible of great Incontinency of Urine, which continued upon him till the Autumn following; then upon taking a Journey, found an Uneasiness in his Bladder, and made bloody Water. Voided a flat smooth Stone as large as a Rouncival Pea, and after that at different Times about Thirty more of a smaller Size. Began *Mrs. Stephens's* Medicines in *August* 1737. They increased his Pains much, so as to put him two or three Times into a Fever. His Urine came out of a Chalky Colour, and had a great Sediment; he had a total Suppression now and then, and not finding the desired Success he left them off, after having taken them for about three Months. He was examined both with the Catheter and *per Anum* before he took the Medicines, but no Stone could be found. The Neck of the Bladder was hard and swelled. He was examined again with the Catheter after he had taken the Medicines, but neither was there any Stone found then.

LXXVI. Mr.

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Mr. BOLTON, of Newcastle upon Tyne. His Case was published last Year in a Letter to me, which is as follows ;

S I R,

“ TOWARDS the latter Part of my Life,
 “ when in my Fiftieth Year, about 1720, I
 “ was fore pained with the Stone, until I voided a
 “ large one ; at several Times since about a Dozen ;
 “ Part came away after a little riding, and then I
 “ made Water like Coffee : But I imagine, one of
 “ the largest might stay behind ; for in 1735 I be-
 “ gan to be greatly afflicted ; could not endure to
 “ ride, or bear a Coach : When I have been making
 “ Water, it often stopped on a sudden, causing
 “ much Pain ; and no Person in the Country could
 “ give Relief, tho’ I took many odd Things.
 “ Reading the Papers, I observed, some Specificks
 “ for the Stone were advertized, one a Powder, the
 “ other a Liquid : I got ’em and tried each ; but
 “ was not able to go thro’ with either of them ; be-
 “ ing of a forcing Nature, increased my Pain :
 “ Then was advised to smooth palliating Medicines,
 “ yet Pain still continued, and excessive ; made me
 “ begin to think of coming up to *London* to be cut,
 “ if it might be safely done at my Age : At that
 “ Time the News informed us, that the Bishop of
 “ *Bath* and *Wells* and others were cured by taking
 “ Mrs. *Stephens’s* Medicines : I was then more in-
 “ clinable to come : When I set out my Thoughts
 “ were to undergo the manual Operation, and had
 “ wrote to Mr. *Chefelden* about it : When I arrived
 “ in *London*, and consulted with some Friends, it

“ was thought, as I was in my 68th Year, the
 “ safest Way to take Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines;
 “ and accordingly on the 18th of *July*, 1737, I
 “ began with them, taking Three Powders, and
 “ Three half Pints of Liquid every Day: What
 “ Effect, and how they did operate, you will see
 “ by the following Diary, which I kept as exactly
 “ as I could, considering the Pain I had by Times;
 “ which yet prompted me to keep strictly to the
 “ Medicines, believing, that by so doing, I should
 “ the sooner be made easy, and took the Liquid
 “ four Times a Day for some Weeks.

A DIARY, as I took the Medicines.

1737.

- “ *July* 18. Began to take Three Powders, Three
 “ half Pints of a Liquid, Three Times
 “ a Day.
 “ 19. The same.
 “ 20. The same. Brought away a slimy
 “ mucous Matter into the Pot; much
 “ Pain.
 “ 21. Continued to bring such Stuff away;
 “ great Pain.
 “ 22. The same.
 “ 23. The same.
 “ 24. The same.
 “ 25. Foul Water.
 “ 26. Thick Water. } I was in great Pain
 “ 27. Foul Water. } all this Time,
 “ 28. The same.
 “ 29. The same.
 “ 30. The same.
 “ 31. Water clearer. }
 “ which made me send to Mrs. *Stephens*, who an-
 “ swered, I must have Patience, and begin to try
 “ Four half Pints a Day.

“ *Aug.* 1.

“ Aug. 1. Water not so foul. I began with four
 “ half Pints, continuing the three
 “ Powders.

“ 2. The same.

“ 3. Water clearer.

“ 4. Made much Water, and clear.

“ 5. The same.

“ 6. Less Water, and slimy Matter.

“ 7. The same.

“ 8. Water a little foul.

“ 9. The same.

“ 10. Water foul and whitish; much Pain.

“ 11. Water whitish, and very great Pain
 “ when I made Water.

“ 12. Water not clear, and great Pain.

“ 13. Water slimy, with a white Sediment,
 “ very great Pain.

“ 14. Clearer, with a little Sediment, but
 “ grievous Pain.

} All this
 Time easier
 than before.

“ Above are Twenty-eight Days, in which Time the
 “ Medicines took little Effect, and much Pain almost
 “ every Day.

“ 15. Water a little foul, some Sediment;
 “ very grievous Pain.

“ 16. Water clearer, some white Sediment;
 “ most cruel Pain.

“ 17. Water foul, a slimy Sediment; very
 “ great Pain.

“ 18. Water the same; very great Pain.

“ 19. Water the same; great Pain.

“ 20. Water slimy, with Sediment; sore Pain.

“ 21. Water the same; very grievous Pain.

“ It was so intolerable, I sent for
 “ Mrs. Stephens, to acquaint her, I
 “ was not able to endure: She said, I
 “ must have Patience, I should in
 “ a little Time be easier; and I
 “ might take an Opiate to make me

- “ rest in the Night, and forbear to
 “ take the fourth half Pint, supposing
 “ it might be too hard upon me.
- “ *Aug.* 22. Water foul, with a slimy Sediment;
 “ great and grievous Pain: I began
 “ to filter it.
- “ 23. Water foul, as Yesterday; this Night
 “ violent Pain.
- “ 24. Water, as Yesterday, with great Pain.
- “ 25. Something foul, a little Sediment; very
 “ cruel Pain all this Night.
- “ 26. High-coloured, little Sediment; great
 “ Pain.
- “ 27. A Stoppage sometimes, high coloured;
 “ great Pain.
- “ 28. A Difficulty to Urine, a little Sedi-
 “ ment; very great Pain.
- “ 29. A Stoppage, little Sediment; great
 “ Pain in making Water.
- “ 30. As Yesterday.
- “ 31. A Stoppage, great Pain when I made
 “ Water, and continued.
- “ *Sept.* 1. Thick Water, high-coloured; excessive
 “ Pain this Night.
- “ 2. Thick Water, a Stoppage; great Pain.
- “ 3. High-coloured, a Sediment, and much
 Pain.
- “ 4. The same, with great Pain.
- “ 5. A Stoppage sometimes, high-coloured;
 “ great Pain at making Water.
- “ 6. High-coloured, a Sediment, with very
 great Pain.
- “ 7. Made little Water, but with Pain; an
 “ easier Night.
- “ 8. Made little Water, Pain in making,
 “ but easier To-day than a great while
 “ before.

- “ Sept. 9. Water clear, no Sediment, Pain much
“ abated.
- “ 10. Made more Water, and clear, pretty
“ easy this Day and Night.
- “ 11. Made much Water, and clear, pretty
“ easy, little Pain. This Night made
“ a larger Quantity of Water, little
“ Pain.
- “ 12. Clear Water, no Sediment, not much
“ Pain. Night the same.
- “ 13. Water a little foul, and some Pain.
“ Night the same.
- “ 14. Water more foul, a Sediment, with
“ more Pain. Night a Stoppage,
“ little Water, and foul with a Sedi-
“ ment.
- “ 15. Came foul, and a Sediment, with some
“ Pain. Night the same.
- “ 16. Water a little foul, no Sediment, but
“ some Pain. I took the Elixir for
“ sleeping. Night made much Water,
“ and clear, but little Pain.
- “ 17. The same.
- “ 18. The same. Night the same.
- “ 19. The same. Night made much Water,
“ no Sediment, some Pain.
- “ 20. Water clear, not so much as Yesterday,
“ little Pain. Night the same.
- “ 21. Clear Water, with more Pain than
“ Yesterday. Night not so much
“ Water, but clear, and greater
“ Pain.
- “ 22. The same, with more Pain. Night
“ much Water, and clear, with
“ great Pain.
- “ 23. The same. Night the same, clear
“ Water, but with more Pain.

Having

“ Having for above a Week past made clear Water, and
 “ with much Pain, and nothing coming away, made
 “ me begin to think of leaving off the Medicines; yet
 “ I was sure the Cure was not finished, and having
 “ a Doctor, who happened to be here, then advised
 “ me to take them a Fortnight longer, so I continued
 “ to go on.

“ Sept. 24. Made clear Water, moderate Quan-
 “ tity, with sore Pain. Night was
 “ foul Water, little in Quantity;
 “ some Pain.

“ 25. Water foul, not much; in which two
 “ little Bits of the Stone; with a little
 “ Pain. Night but little Water and
 “ foul; Pain easier.

“ 26. The same. Night the same; but often
 “ Pain.

“ 27. Much the same; with some Pain.
 “ Night little Water, foul; Pain
 “ easier.

“ 28. Still but little Water, and foul; not
 “ much Pain. Night the same.

“ 29. The same; with Pain when I made
 “ Water. Night the same.

“ 30. But little Water, not very foul: This
 “ Day and the Night following a
 “ great many Bits of Stone came
 “ away, being the Eleventh Week;
 “ more has come away this Week,
 “ than in any one Week before.

“ October 1. Moderate Water, and clearer; several
 “ Bits came away, pretty easy. Night
 “ a few Bits came away; not much
 “ Water, clearer.

“ 2. Water began to be clearer; fewer Bits;
 “ some Uneasiness. Night Water
 “ almost

- “ almost clear: and few Bits, with
 “ a little Pain.
- “ 3. Water clear; Pain sometimes; no
 “ Bits. Night but little Pain; no
 “ Bits.
- “ 4. The same. Night the same.
- “ 5. Much Water, and clear; seldom Pain;
 “ no Bits. Night not much Water,
 “ clear; no Bits; nor Pain.
- “ 6. Water clear; few Bits; no Pain.
 “ Night two or three Bits; no
 “ Pain.
- “ 7. Water very clear; with Pain when
 “ made it; no Bits. Night clear
 “ Water, with a Stoppage, that I
 “ could scarce make any; and with
 “ Pain.
- “ 8. Clear Water, with some Pain; two or
 “ three Bits. Night Water very
 clear; sharp Pain sometimes; two
 “ Bits.
- “ 9. The same; some little Bits. Night
 “ the same; no Bits worth Notice.
- “ 10. The same, with frequent sharp Pain;
 “ no Bits material. Night foul Wa-
 “ ter, with Pain; no Bits.
- “ 11. Clear Water, with some Pain; three or
 “ four Bits. Water clear, a little
 “ Pain; some Bits.
- “ 12. A Pain when I make Water; a few
 “ Bits. Clear Water; some little
 Bits.
- “ 13. Clear Water; no Bits. Night a Stop-
 “ page and Dribling; very few Bits;
 “ small Particles.
- “ 14. Clear Water; no Pain but when at
 “ Pot; a few small Bits. Night the
 “ same; some of the smallest Bits.

- “ Oct. 15. Clear Water; Pain at making; few
 “ small Particles. Night a Stoppage
 “ and Dribling; little Pain; some
 “ small Bits.
- “ 16 Clear Water, what I made, but had a
 “ Stoppage of Urine; with great Pain
 “ when I made Water; which was
 “ but a few Drops at a Time; but
 “ several Bits came away. In the
 “ Night I rose often to make Water,
 “ but could not, which caused very
 “ great Pain; but towards Morning
 “ making a little, several Bits came
 “ away.
- “ 17. Water clear, with Pain; but several
 “ large and little Bits came out, one
 “ the largest yet. Night a Stoppage
 “ often with great Pain; two large
 “ and several lesser Bits came away.
- “ 18. A Stoppage, and Pain; but several
 “ Bits, one larger came away. Night
 “ little Water, often a Stoppage;
 “ not so clear; some Bits.
- “ 19. Clear Water; a Stoppage with Pain;
 “ no Bits worth Notice. Night a
 “ little Water, being a Stoppage;
 “ a few little Bits.
- “ 20. Clear Water, little Pain; some Bits.
 “ Clear Water, a Stoppage, and
 “ Pain *in Pene*: Two large Bits stick-
 “ ing came out next Day.
- “ 21. In the Morning made me easy, and
 “ Urine more freely; a few small
 “ Bits came away. Night clear Wa-
 “ ter, pretty easy; some few small
 “ Bits came away.

- “ Oct. 22. The same; only a few Bits came away.
 “ Night the same; two pretty large
 “ Bits came away.
- “ 23. Water clear, uneasy when I made it;
 “ some little Bits came away. Night
 “ much Water, clear, easy, two
 “ Bits came.
- “ 24. The same; two or three small Bits.
 “ Night clear Water; two larger
 “ Bits; some sticking caused Pain.
- “ 25. Water clear; no Pain but at making
 “ Water; no Bits. Night a Stop-
 “ page; made Water with Difficul-
 “ ty; no Bits.
- “ 26. Clear Water; some Pain *in Pene*; no
 “ no Bits this Day. Night Water
 “ foul, with Pain *Pene*; a Stoppage;
 “ three or four large Bits came out in
 “ the Morning.
- “ 27. Clear Water; Pain by Stoppage;
 “ no Bits. Night Water not clear;
 “ a Stoppage, with Pain *Pene*; fe-
 “ veral Bits found in the Pot in the
 “ Morning, more than any Night
 “ before.
- “ 28. Clear Water; no Pain, nor any Bits.
 “ Night the very same.
- “ 29. The same. Night the same; no Pain,
 “ nor Bits.
- “ 30. Water clear; a little Pain at making;
 “ no Bits. Night clear Water, some-
 “ times a Stoppage, with Pain; no
 “ Bits.
- “ 31. The same. Night much Water and
 “ clear, did not come freely; a few
 “ little Bits.

- [^c Nov. 1. Water clear; no Pain; no Bits. Night
 “ the same; a dribling Stoppage; no
 “ Bits.
- “ 2. Clear Water; very few Bits. Night
 “ the same, with a dribling Stop-
 “ page; no Bits.
- “ 3. Water clear; no Pain, nor Bits. Night
 “ much Water and clear; a Stop-
 “ page; no Bits.
- “ 4. Clear Water; no Pain, nor Bits.
 “ Night a Stoppage; little Water,
 “ and a few Bits.
- “ 5. Water clear, some Pain at making;
 “ no Bits. The same at Night; a
 “ small Bit, and some Pain.
- “ 6. Clear Water; a Stoppage, with a
 “ Pain *Pene*; Bits sticking. Night
 “ foul Water; a Stoppage, with
 “ great Pain; Bits sticking, but in
 “ the Morning several large Bits were
 “ in the Pot.
- “ 7. Clear Water; a few small Bits, with a
 “ little Pain. Night the same; a
 “ Stoppage, with some Pain; a few
 “ Bits.
- “ 8. The same; I began to take less Medi-
 “ cines, to three Times, Pain being
 “ abated. Night Water fouler; a
 “ Stoppage; some few Bits.
- “ 9. Water clear; no Pain; very few small
 “ Bits. Night Water a little foul;
 “ no Pain, nor Bits.
- “ 10. Clear Water, some Pain; few Bits.
 “ Night clear Water, a little Stop-
 “ page; two Bits, and Mucus.
- “ 11. Water not clear; no Pain; no Bits.
 “ Night clear Water, a little Stop-
 “ page; no Bits.

- “ Nov. 12. The same. Night Water not clear,
 “ a Stoppage, with Pain *Pené*; no
 “ Bits.
- “ 13. The same. Night clear Water, Pain
 “ and Stoppage; two or three Bits.
- “ 14. Clear Water, some Pain; no Bits.
 “ Night Water foul, with a Stop-
 “ page and Pain; no Bits.
- “ 15. Foul Water, a Stoppage sometimes;
 “ no Bits. Night Water foul, fre-
 “ quent Stoppage, with Pain; one
 “ Bit.
- “ 16. Foul Water, a Stoppage by Times; in
 “ the Evening a large Bit came, the
 “ biggest that came yet. Night
 “ foul Water; a little Pain, but no
 “ Bits.
- “ 17. Foul high-coloured Water; a Stop-
 “ page with Pain; no Bits. Night
 “ white foul Water, a Stoppage
 “ sometimes; no Bits.
- “ 18. Water not clear, a little Stoppage; a
 “ pretty large Bit of hard Stone
 “ came away. Night foul white
 “ Water, pretty easy; no Bits.
- “ 19. Water the same, Stoppage and Pain;
 “ This Evening the largest Stone
 “ came away. Night Water foul,
 “ some Stoppage, easy as to Pain;
 “ no Bits.
- “ 20. Water not so foul; no Pain nor Bits.
 “ Night Water foul and white, some
 “ Stoppage, little Pain; no Bits.
- “ 21. Clear Water, pretty easy; no Bits.
 “ Night the same.
- “ 22. The same. Night the Water a little
 “ foul, Stoppage sometimes; no
 “ Bits.

- “ Nov. 23. Clear Water ; no Pain, nor Bits.
 “ Night foul Water, a Stoppage
 “ without Pain ; no Bits.
- “ 24. Water sometimes clear, sometimes foul ;
 “ no Pain ; no Bits. Night Water
 “ foul and high-coloured ; easy, no
 “ Bits.
- “ 25. Clear Water, Pain *Pene* ; a little Bit.
 “ Night Water clear ; a Pain by
 “ Stone sticking *Pene* ; two large
 “ Pieces came away in the Morning,
 “ where the last had stuck in the
 “ Passage a Day and Night.
- “ 26. Water clear ; a little Pain *Pene*, by
 “ reason of the sticking of the two
 “ last Pieces. Much Water and
 “ clear this Night, a little uneasy ;
 “ no Bits.
- “ 27. Water the same, easy from any Pain ;
 “ no Bits. This Day, the last of
 “ twenty Weeks, I began to forbear
 “ the Medicine ; I only took two
 “ Bottles after this Day.
- “ 28. I walked abroad as far as the Custom-
 “ House, having confined myself for
 “ twenty Weeks, taking the Medi-
 “ cines regularly, without stirring
 “ out of Doors.

P O S T S C R I P T.

S I R,

“ Y O U may please to observe, I have had
 “ great Pain from the Stone, and the Me-
 “ dicines Operation, but now being entirely free
 “ from any, may be compared to a Woman in
 “ Travail ; is forgotten, and do believe myself
 now

now to be cured of the Stone, having no Symptoms of that Kind. Thanks to Friends for Advice, & *Laus Deo.*

Dec. 31, 1737.

I am, Sir,

Your most obliged,

humble Servant.

FRAN. BOLTON.

From Newcastle super Tinam.

It has been observed from this Gentleman's Account of himself, that Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines seem in some Cases to give so much Pain, that it is better to submit to the Operation. And when this or the like Instances have been urged as Evidences of a Stone-dissolving Urine, it has generally been objected either that the Bits were not real original Stone, but the meer Produce of the Medicines, or else that the same Person might probably have voided the same Bits with the same Circumstances had he taken nothing. When therefore I entered upon the present Design of publishing all the Cases, I wrote to Mr. *Bolton*, desiring to know whether he had had any Return of his Complaints, and mentioned the foregoing Objections. And I received in Answer the following Letter, dated *Feb. 9, 1738-9.*

S I R,

A More particular and exact Account of all that have taken Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines, when it comes out, must be a great and most convincing Proof of the good Effect of them, and prevail upon the charitable Part of this Nation to put their helping Hands towards so universal a Good, and unspeakable Benefit the poorer Sort may reap by it.

For my own Part, I thank God I was so perfectly cured of the Stone by taking them, that I never
since

since felt the least Symptom of Pain from that Distemper, with which I had been sore afflicted for about two Years before, and could not endure to ride on Horse-back, which now I can with Pleasure. I took all Things that I could hear of in this Country to make me easy, but without Effect. I came to *London* in Pain ; I began the Medicines in Pain ; which with some Intermiſſions continued for about a Fortnight, and then it abated, and I was somewhat easy ; but had more or leſs, Nights and Days, with ſome Remiſſions, during the taking. If it had been continual, it would have been intolerable ; to remove which I took the Medicines, and if I had not taken them I ſhould have had my former wonted Pain. It is probable, I might have more than any other ; perhaps the Stone might be of a harder Nature, and might not diſſolve ſo kindly as in others. I did not hear of any that complained ſo much as I did ; by continuing the Medicines the Stone began to diſſolve and come away in Bits, and I was more easy.

Formerly, about a Dozen Years ſince, I was much troubled with the Stone Pain, and took Medicines which helped me to void ſeveral I have now in a little Box, but never perceived any thing come away like theſe Bits, but were entire Stones, like a Pea or a Bean, or ſuch Things. Mr. *Binford* of *Exeter*, and Mr. *Holland* at the *Tower*, both took the Medicines at the ſame Time I did ; they each came to ſhow me what came from them, and to compare with me. I obſerved that the Operation was the very ſame with them, having juſt ſuch Bits as I had, and at laſt a larger hard Stone, which was called the Kernel. They were ſo much alike that one would think they all came from the ſame Perſon. The Bits are perfect Stone, only ſoft at coming away ; but laid on a Paper they ſoon dry to be perceived what they are. It is a ſurprizing Medicine,

cine, and would be of great Use, and a vast Kindness to poor People, who are not able to give the Price as it now is. The manual Operation is come to great Perfection; yet how must the poorer Sort come at it in the Country, when they cry out for some Assistance? Since I came down, some of the poor Pit-Men in Pain and Distress have been to enquire of me what I took. I could not tell them. They complained lamentably of their Affliction and Poverty, not being able to purchase the Medicines. Some are since dead. For while they labour under such a grievous Pain, it Incapacitates them for working, and so they perish for Want and proper Relief; which it is hoped all good and well-disposed Christians, who have any Charity or Benevolence for Mankind will consider, and promote so noble a Design. I am,

Sir,

Your most humble Servant,

F R A N. B O L T O N.

I had very great and extreme Pain before I went to *London*, some Nights and some Days most intolerable. If it had not been so grievous I should not have gone; but have born it here, as well as I could, supposing I should not live long, and Death would put an End to all. But Friends importuned to seek Relief.

LXXVII.

Captain H U N T, Exeter.

A B O U T five Years ago, I had a Pain in my Left-side with urging to vomit, and consulted Dr. *Oldfield*. When I mentioned my Case to him, he told me it was Gravel and Stone; and
after

after he had prescribed to me for three or four Days, I brought off a small Stone, and became free from the Pain. After that I brought off several small Stones at Times. About two Years ago, I began to have a Motion to make Water very often, and make but a very little at a Time, with great Heat and Sharpness. This continued upon me and became so bad, that I could neither Walk nor Ride without great Inconveniency; I had also frequent Forcings to go to Stool. I was searched by a Surgeon in the Country, but he could not find a Stone, and said he believed I had an Ulcer. About a Twelve-month after I found my Complaints grew worse, and I was searched again by the same Surgeon, who then found a Stone. I then came up to *London*, and was examined there by Mr. *Chefelden*, who also found a Stone; and began Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines on the 5th of last *April*, and have taken them ever since, three Times a Day, except during the Times of four Passages by Sea between *London* and *Exeter*; and have brought off from Time to Time Grit and Pieces of Stone, some like rotten Wall, some like Pieces of a Stone broke with a Hammer, some brown on the Outer-part, and white with a soft Substance on the Inner, some so large as to stick in the Passage for sometime, most of which I have still by me. I am a great deal better than before I began the Medicines, they agree very well with me in other Respects, and I continue to take them.

London, *Feb.* 13,
1738-9.

J O H N H U N T.

LXXVIII. Mr.

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Mr. WITTINGHAM, a Smith in the New-Rents, near the Borrough of Southwark.

HAS been troubled with the Stone for several Years. In the Year 1735 brought away a great Number of small Stones, and in *May* 1736, was cut at St. *Thomas's* Hospital (being then Fifty-two Years of Age) by Mr. *Chefelden*, who took out of his Bladder six Stones, about the Size of middling Chesnuts, very much of that Shape, hard and smooth on the Surface, and the biggest weighing upwards of an Ounce. In a few Months after began to find Pain and sudden Stoppage in making Water, Forcings to go to Stool, and made bloody Water upon Walking much. Was searched in *Jan.* 1737 by Mr. *Chefelden*, who found a Stone in the Bladder. In *Feb.* 1738, began Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines, took them constantly four Months, but not being able to purchase them any longer was forced to leave them off, tho' willing to have continued them rather than be cut again. He brought away no Stones or Scales while he took them, and continues to have the same Complaints as before.

LXXIX.

Mr. N A I S H, Greywell, Hampshire.

BE G A N Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines the 15th of last *January*, being about sixty Years of Age. The same Day there was an Alteration in the Water, having a white thick Sediment in it. On the

20th Day of the Month he made Water much easier than before, and so continues to do, with only a little Smart attending it. His Water also continues in the same State to this Time, with the same Sediment in it. Tho' his Pain is much abated he still feels the Stone, and has not observed any Part of it to come away. Before he took the Medicines he made bloody Water occasionally, but since he has taken it he has made none. He finds no Disorder from the Medicine, but his Stomach continues good. He never felt any thing of this Complaint till *August* last.

LXXX.

Captain BRIGHT, Kensington.

ABOUT two Years ago, I was examined by Mr. *Pye* of *Bristol* with the Catheter, and a Stone found in my Bladder. I began Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines soon after, have continued them regularly ever since, and frequently void a soft mucous Matter, which when dry appears like Lime from a Wall. And at all those Times I find immediate Ease. I was examined again last Summer by Mr. *Middleton* and a Stone was found, which was thought of a soft Kind. My general state of Health is much better than when I began the Medicines and I can bear Motion better. For a Number of Years before I suspected that I had a Stone, I observed Films and Rags in my Water.

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J. BRIGHT.

LXXXI.

The Rev. Mr. WILSON, Lecturer of St. John's at Wapping, and Curate of St. George's Southwark.

FOR near two Years had been so much afflicted with the Stone in the Kidneys, that he was rendered wholly incapable of performing his Church Duty. He began Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines in *November* last. Within a few Days he brought away several Scales, and at the End of eighteen Days felt a Stone pass from the Kidney into the Bladder, which came away with the next Flow of Water. It was of the Shape and Size of an Olive, white and soft on the Surface, and appeared very evidently to have been acted upon by the Medicines, having its outer Coat wasted all off, except on one small Part, which exactly corresponded in Colour and Thickness with the Scales that came away before. Besides, the Nucleus itself was so cracked, that if it had staid much longer in the Bladder, he is of Opinion it would have fallen to Pieces there. Upon the coming away of this he became very easy, left off the Medicines, and can walk without any Pain or Inconvenience.

LXXXII.

Mr. HUGHES a Leather-Dresser, in Snow-Fields, Southwark.

HAS had a Difficulty in making Water with much Forcing and Pain for several Years. Had a Stone found in the Bladder by Dr. *Bamber*.

About two Years ago, he took Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines for three Months, brought away much Slime and thick Sediment, but towards the latter End of that Time, had a total Suppression of Urine, which he supposes owing to some Carnosity at the Neck of the Bladder; and he has not been able to part with any Water since, but by the Help of a Catheter, which he introduces himself, as often as he has Occasion.

LXXXIII.

Mr. COOKS, Worcester.

I Have had a Letter from him dated *Feb. 10,* 1738-9, in which are the following Particulars, *viz.* That he has been in a very bad Condition upwards of twenty Years, had a great many large Stones come from him at Times, and along with that an Ulcer causing great Pain; and about eight Years ago had a very bad Fit, but got over it without taking any Medicines at all. As to the Effects of Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines he can say nothing as yet, he is often in Pain, and especially if he goes to any Excess in any Point. He has voided no Stones and but little Gravel since he began the Medicines.

LXXXIV.

Mr. MILSON, Blakeney, *in the Forest of*
Dean, Gloucestershire.

WAS taken about four Years ago, with a sudden Motion of making Water and sharp Pains in the Passage. This came on him after
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wards once a Fortnight, Full and Change, for two Days and Nights very sharp, he had the Motions to make Water twenty Times or more in a Day, and could not make a Spoonful in six or seven Times. Consulted a Physician, who judged that he had a Stone, and then he was searched by a Surgeon, but no Stone could be found. Consulted another Physician, who also judged that he had a Stone, and that it might be fallen down upon the Fundament, as he had always a great Depression on that Part, and hard Motions to Stool, tho' at the same Time laxative in his Body. Had the Advice of several others, but could have no Help. Grew much worse and voided a great deal of Gravel like Brick-dust, and several small Stones about the Bigness of Pepper-Corns, of a greyish Colour, very hard and ragged, with one about the Bigness of a Barley-Corn, like the Sliving of a Bone, and as hard, of a Light-yellow. Then the Fits altered their coming once a Fortnight to every *other* Week. Could not Walk or Ride. His Water upon Walking or Riding was black and thick as Coffee-grounds. Had a violent Fit in *August* last, which held him for a Week, so that every Body expected his Death. Began Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines the Week following, and has not had a violent Fit since. For the last two Months has found a great Alteration. Makes Water freely and has no Pain after it. Has voided since taking a great deal of Dregs and Gravel, and some small Stones, of a greyish Colour, which did dissolve and flake away like flaked Lime, upon putting his Finger on them. The violent Pains had worn him out and made him look like Death, but since taking Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines he is grown flat, and has a good fresh Complexion.

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LXXXV. Mr.

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Mr. GILLISON, Lancaster.

I Have been very much afflicted with the Stone and Gravel, even to such a Degree that I have voided a great Number of small Stones, and have now by me upwards of a Hundred. The Forms of them are very different, some are angular and rugged, others smooth and very hard. I had violent Pain in making Water, and upon Riding was almost stung to Death. I have frequently parted with Clots of congealed Blood. I had a great Desire to make, and made very little at a Time, and with the utmost Difficulty; a great Pain at the Neck of my Bladder, and at the End of the Penis, especially after making Water. These are the Symptoms I had before I took Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines. Since I have been under her Directions, I thank God, I am much better, nor is my State of Health in general the least impaired. I lately rode twenty Miles upon a trotting Horse without Pain, and I make Water with much less Difficulty. The Sediment of my Urine varies as to Colour, sometimes white, at other Times of a Brick Colour. About two Months ago I found in the Chamber-pot a chalky Substance, which crumbled upon Pressure; I took this to be a Piece of rotten Stone. I have now and then a Pain in my Kidneys, but I hope by continuing the Medicines a little longer I shall be perfectly well.

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AMBROSE GILLISON.

LXXXVI. Mr.

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Mr. WHITE, Ironmonger, in Redcliff-Street,
Bristol.

WAS examined by a Surgeon the 20th of last August, and had a Stone found in his Bladder. Had taken Mrs. Stephens's Medicines Twenty-seven Weeks the latter End of December last, when he left them off, not finding any Benefit by them: Had about a Tea-spoonful of Grit, about the Bigness of half a Wheat Corn, come from him during the Use of the Medicines, but at a great many different Times; it was in a hard State, and of the Colour of coarse brown Sugar. Had also a white Sediment that fell to the Bottom of the Urine. He is in very great Pain for three Weeks or a Month at a Time, and then something easier for a Month.

It may be observed, with respect to this and other Cases of the same kind, that they cannot at all conclude *against* the stone-dissolving Power of the medicated Urine, because this Power, like every other Cause, must require a different Time for the Production of its full Effect, according to the different Hardness or Size of the Stone to be dissolved. On the contrary, if the other Evidences determine in Favour of the stone-dissolving Power, it will be probable that the same has been exerted here, only in a slower Manner; and that the Continuance of these Medicines would at last reduce the Stone to a Size, capable of passing the Urethra. And admitting this, surely it is better to continue them, than either be Cut, or suffer the Stone

to grow perpetually larger, by the incrusting Quality of natural Urine.

LXXXVII.

An unknown PERSON, near Taunton, Somersetshire. *The following is a Letter to me, dated* February 9, 1738-9.

S I R,

AT my coming home from a Journey, I found a Letter from you, in Relation to a Patient of mine, who had taken Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines. To give you a History of the Case will not signify, by Reason she is dead, and died of the Stone. I should have been very glad that the Medicines had taken Effect; though notwithstanding she took three Parts of the Pills and Powder, yet she did not bring off any Stones, which she frequently used to do before she took the Pills, &c.

I am S I R,

Your Humble Servant,

F. BURFORD.

LXXXVIII.

Mr. MASSEY, Chester.

IN 1734, I first began to void a reddish Sand, and continued so to do for about twelve Months, and then parted with small Gravel of a lighter Colour than the Sand. In 1736, I voided several
hard

hard Stones, very ragged, about the Size of small Peas, white with reddish Streaks ; and then ceased to part with any Substances for about 12 Months afterwards, during which my Affliction increased gradually. I had almost continual Motions to make Water, which came from me in small Quantities and involuntarily. I felt a grievous Pain and Weight in and about my Bladder, and the Symptoms came at last to be so violent, that I could scarcely turn in Bed. In *June* last I began to take Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines, and perceived no alteration for about eighteen Days, but then small Chips or Scales of Stone, of a pale Colour, began to come away in more or less Quantities, which I have continued to void (excepting sometimes an Intermision for fourteen or sixteen Days) till about six Weeks ago, during which I have not parted with any Substances, but discharged a thick clammy Mucus. I am sensible that there is the remainder of a Stone yet in my Bladder, but I am got so well as to walk about the City, and have comfortable Rest in the Night. I have yet Pain when I have parted with my Urine, and when I rise up out of my Bed. The Medicines agree very well with me, and I continue to take them in Hopes of a perfect Cure.

ROGER MASSEY.

Feb. 10, 1738-9.

LXXXIX.

Mrs. MARLEY, Dumfries, near Newcastle upon Tyne. *The following is Part of a Letter from her to Mrs. Stephens, dated November 17, 1738.*

MADAM,

BEFORE I begun with your Medicines, I had a very great Pain cross my Loins, where the Kidneys are said to be placed, attended with a stretching Pain through the Right-side of my Belly, towards the Bladder, and voided a pretty large Stone; but after that found my Trouble increase on the other side of my Back, so that I could not ride nor stir much about the House, without making bloody Water. I was advised to apply to you for your Medicines, and in the first Week of taking them, found myself very little better, and had near taken the first Quantity before I found it Operate; but towards the latter End I made a great Quantity of Water, which had a slimy Substance, and a white Sediment like Pieces of Chalk. And as I went on with the Medicines, I found after that, several large Pieces of hard Matter like Shells or Pieces of Stone, some of a whitish, and some of a brownish Colour, which came away with some Pain. I was always Costive without taking the Electuary, which I did twice or thrice a Week. But after the first Quantity was all taken, I found the Cause not quite removed, and made bloody Water again, so desired to have the Things repeated, which I have taken almost a Month, but did not void so much Gravel, or that hard Matter, as I did at first. And when the last Medicines were
all

all taken, for three or four Days I found a great Pain in making Water, and still find a Soreness on my Left-side with Gripings towards my Bladder; and have this Morning voided a large Piece of Stone, of a brownish Colour, and white about the Edges.

Since this she has left off the Medicines upon being with Child, but intends to take them again, However, where the Pains are violent and the Medicines have been found to Relieve these, it is far safest to continue them during Pregnancy; nor does it appear to me, that there is any particular Danger of a Miscarriage from the Use of them. unless where they force and give Pain, which every Person who has tried them may be a Judge of in their own Cases.

XC.

Mrs. GLOVER, *at the Golden-Ball over-against Bow-Lane, Cheapside.*

HAD some Calculous Complaints; took Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines and received great Benefit, but was not able to continue them by Reason of the Sickness which they occasioned. She has had very few Complaints, since she left them off.

XCI.

Mr. FLOYD's Son, *in* Maggot's-Court, *over-*
against St. James's Church, Piccadilly.

Fourteen Years old. Had Pain in making Water, violent pressing upon the Neck of the Bladder, and sudden Stoppages frequently. Has taken Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines thirteen Months, but continues to have the same Complaints.

XCII.

Mr. MARTEN, Sutton at Home, *near* Dartford,
in Kent.

WAS Afflicted with the Stone in the Kidney, for which he tried several Things, but found no Relief. Began Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines in *Sept.* last, and grew better in six Weeks. Continued them for about six Weeks more, and has since been able to Work, which he could not do before.

XCIII.

Mr. SWAINSON, Kendal, *in* Westmoreland.

I Was for several Years afflicted with violent Fits of the Gravel in the Kidneys, but never quitted any Stones or Gravel to my Knowledge. In *June* 1737, I began to have violent Pain and Obstructions in making Water, which was often
bloody

Bloody upon the least Motion. I had frequent Motions to Urine, attended with as frequent violent straining Motions to Stool. Had a continual Pain either in the Seat, Bladder, Urethra or Glans Penis. Could neither ride, walk, lie down, nor rise up without great Pain in those Parts; in short, I had all the Symptoms incident to the Stone in the Bladder. My Appetite was lost, my Sleep gone from me, my Health impaired, which rendered my Life miserable and uneasy. So that possibly I could not have lived much longer, had I not by the Blessing of God, applied to Mrs. *Stephens* for that excellent, incomparable, worthy Medicine; to which under God, my precious Life is owing. I began to take it the 25th of *May* last, and have continued it ever since. After first taking my Pain continued for eight or ten Weeks, a tough slimy Matter coming away. I then became easier, my Water became turbid with sometimes a white thick Sediment, sometimes a high-coloured and brown Sediment, with several small white and brown Particles, or small Bits, one large flat Piece as broad as a Silver Penny and thick as a Shilling, in a very soft and rotten State. I very often quitted by Urine, a brown, stringy, soft Matter, and am now blessed be GOD, perfectly free from any Complaints of the Stone; can ride, walk, or do other Exercise without Pain, and am perfectly restored in Health, blessed be ALMIGHTY GOD, and Thanks to Mrs. *Stephens*, for whom I am ever bound to pray whilst

JAMES SWAINSON.

Feb. 8, 1738-9.

XCIV. Cap-

XCIV.

Captain EAGLESFIELD, Carlisle.

I Have been for many Years violently afflicted with the Gravel, and frequently passed Stones of an uncommon Size, and a little before I took Mrs *Stephens's* Medicines, I voided a Stone that weighed eleven Grains; and I had often voided larger. When I began with her Medicines (which was *November 7, 1737,*) I had very great Pain in both my Kidneys: After I had taken them three Months, I had a severe Fit for two Days, before the Stone got from the Kidney to the Bladder, which was so large that it could not pass the Urethra, but gave me great Pain every Time I attempted to make Water; and after some Time my Urine began to be white, and little Flakes of the Stone came away, and in about three Months more the Stone broke into Gravel and small Pieces, which in two Days I voided in great Abundance. Since this I have had no stoppage of Urine, but still have by Fits a Pain in one of my Kidneys and constantly void Quantities of Gravel. As to my general Health I am much better than when I began the Medicines, and am able to use more Exercise, which formerly I could seldom bear.

Feb. 10, 1738-9.

ROBERT EAGLESFIELD.

XCV. Mr.

XCV.

Mr. FRETWELL, Bawtry, Yorkshire. *His Case is contained in a Letter to me from Mr. Slater of Bawtry, dated Feb. 12, 1738-9, and is as follows.*

IT is now almost two Years since Mr. *Fretwell* began to take Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines, at which Time he was so broke that no Body expected he could continue six Months. He had frequent Fits both of the Stone and Gravel, attended with such violent Cholick Pains, and Bilious Vomitings, as were scarce supportable. He could not ride without making bloody Water, and very frequently parted with large Quantities of purulent Matter with his Urine. He often voided small Gravel Stones of a light redish Colour, and I could now and then observe a little greyish Shell, which had peeled off from the confirmed Stone. Under these Circumstances I searched him with the Catheter, but found no Stone in the Bladder. Upon the first taking of the Medicines he had violent forcing Pains, but in a few Weeks he was quit of the Gravel, and I think has not voided any since. I observed large Quantities of a tough glassy Phlegm, sometimes for a Fortnight together in his Water, and at other Times a greyish Sediment, and very frequently Laminæ of Stones near as broad as a Silver Penny, the Edge soft and gritty, the Middle harder, and about the Thickness of an Egg-shell. After he had taken the Medicines three or four Months, he began to recover his Stomach and natural Rest, could ride ten Miles with very little Complaint, and the last Summer came up to Town in the Stage-

Stage-Coach, and returned home without any notable Inconvenience. And tho' he has taken none of the Medicines these eight Months, he has been free from any Complaints that can be attributed to the Stone.

RICHARD SLATER.

XCVI.

Mr. TOMLINSON, Sprotborough *near* Doncaster, Yorkshire.

HAS taken Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines for a short Time twice a Day. They gave him so much Pain at first, that he could not bear them three Times as directed. Used to part with red Gravel every Day before he began the Medicines, but since he took them does not part with any. His Water has now a white Sediment, and he is something easier, but has still a great Pain. His Water turns red when he Rides or Walks, and is very painful in parting with it. On *Friday* the 9th of this Instant *February*, a greyish Shell of a Stone was found in his Water, and he voids now and then a good deal of bright Phlegm.

Feb. 10, 1738-9.

XCVII.

Mr. UNDERWOOD, *at the* White-Lion Tavern *in* White-Chappel.

HAS been afflicted with the Stone in the Bladder several Years, had much Pain in making Water, and a sudden Stoppage. Took Mrs. *Stephens's* Medi

Medicines six Months, and brought away several Scales. Has left them off three Months, is in a very weak and low State, and has the same Complaints.

Feb. 15, 1738-9.

XCVIII.

The Hon. Mrs. MORDAUNT, Somerset-House.

HAS had the usual Symptoms of the Stone of the Kidneys for several Years. Began Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines about a Month ago, and has received Benefit from them.

XCIX.

Mrs. CANNING, Cary-Street, near Lincoln's-Inn.

HAS had Complaints seeming to proceed from the Stone of the Kidneys for about eight Years. Began Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines in *June* 1738, and has taken them ever since, but not constantly. Has voided several rotten Crumbs of Stone, as big as large Pins Heads, some white, some yellowish; and is much better in every Respect.

C.

The Hon. EDWARD CARTERET, Esq; Post-master-General. His Case was published last Year in the following Words, and he has continued perfectly well ever since.

“ **H**AVING been very much afflicted with
 “ the Stone and Gravel, and having by the
 “ best Means I could, endeavoured to get Relief, at
 “ length, in the utmost of my Extremity, I was
 “ recommended to Mrs. *Stephens*; and soon after
 “ taking her Medicines, I began to bring away in
 “ my Urine a whitish Powder, which, when dry,
 “ appeared to be what came from a Stone. This
 “ continued for some Time, and in about two or
 “ three Months I found myself freed from a Pain,
 “ I had felt at Times for several Years, on the
 “ Right-side of the Bladder. And I am well as-
 “ sured, it was a Stone or calculous Matter, which
 “ stuck to the Bladder. Besides this, I had a loose
 “ Stone in the Bladder, which for several Months
 “ after gave me extreme Pain, by its forcing when
 “ I made Water; which at length came away in
 “ Pieces, almost every Time I made Water, for
 “ about nine Weeks following; until at last it came
 “ all away, as appeared by my being freed from
 “ all manner of Pain. The Kernel of the Stone
 “ itself having come away, I thought myself then
 “ intirely well, tho’ afterwards, upon a Journey to
 “ *London*, some Stones fell from my Kidneys, which
 “ came away, to the Number of seven at one Time,
 “ which made me presume too far in discontinuing the
 “ Medicines in great Part, having little or no Pain;
 “ when a Stone, which had stuck in the Ureters,
 “ came

“ came down, and stopped the Passage of the
 “ Urine, which occasioned a Suppression of it, and
 “ out of Fear of its not passing, I had the Assistance
 “ of Mr. *Chefelden*; and, I thank God, I am now free
 “ of any Pain, and have been so ever since.

EDWARD CARTERET.

Mr. *Chefelden* did not cut Mr. *Carteret* for a Stone in his Bladder, which has been a common Mistake I perceive; but only make an Incision into the Urethra, in order to remove the above-mentioned Stone that had lodged there; which is an Operation attended with little Pain and no Danger.

CI.

Mr. COXON, *late of* Lincoln's-Inn-Fields.

HE had the Symptoms of a Stone in the Bladder. Took Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines about eleven Years ago, voided a vast Quantity of concave and convex Scales, with some solid Fragments of Stone, grew perfectly well, and never had any Return of his Complaints, tho' he lived seven or eight Years after he had left off the Medicines. He was above Eighty when he died.

CII.

JAMES PRESTON, *Esq;* Cary-Street.

IN the Year 1720, he began to be afflicted with Pains in his Back and Vomitings, and to void red Gravel, with small Gravel Stones. He had also a Stoppage in making Water, attended with Pain,
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and frequent Provocation to Urine. In *March* 1736, he began to make bloody Water upon Motion, after which his Pains increased very much. He could not even go in a Chair, or move at all without Pain. He began *Mrs. Stephens's* Medicines in *April* 1737. In two or three Days his Pain in making Water became greater than ever, and continued so for at least three Weeks. His Water was turbid at the Time of making, and deposited a heavy Sediment, but he voided no Stones. He grew by Degrees perfectly easy and well while at Rest. He then left off the Medicines; but has since voided many Stones of different Sizes, and been subject to Returns of Pain, with the making bloody Water upon Motion. He is however, upon the whole much better than when he begun the Medicines.

CIII.

Mr. LAWRENCE, *late of Golden-Lane.*

MRS. *Lawrence* his Widow gave the following Account, *Feb.* 16, 1738-9, *viz.* That her Husband had had several Complaints supposed to proceed from a Stone, such as bloody Water, and stoppage in making, took *Mrs. Stephens's* Medicines and received great Benefit, so as to leave them off. That he had a Return of his Complaints some Time after, took the Medicines a second Time, received Benefit and left them off again. That he was seized a third Time, and *Mrs. Stephens* sent for in the Middle of the Night, when he was in exquisite racking Pains. And that *Mrs. Stephens* then gave him her Draught with some Drops in it, but without any of her Powder, upon which he had a violent Looseness, which *Mrs. Lawrence* apprehends to have been the Cause of his Death.

*a Stone was found in his bladder, but The
wasted & corroded in many parts. it was shown*

The Drops above-mentioned were Liquid *Laudanum* ten Drops; and Mr. *Lawrence* had been ill for more than a Week before Mrs. *Stephens* saw him the last Time, and had taken several Medicines.

CIV.

Mr. DOVEY, *late of* Montague-Court, Bishopsgate-Street.

HAD been afflicted with the Stone in the Bladder for several Years. Had a constant dribbling of Urine, brought away a great many small Stones, and once fifteen together, some of which appeared to be Pieces of a Coat, being Convex on one Side and Concave on the other, but very thick and angular. This was before he took Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines. He began them *Nov. 5, 1737*, and before the End of the same Month, a Stone fell into the Neck of the Bladder, which threw him into such a violent Fit of Pain that he died a Day or two after, *viz. on the 30th of Nov. 1737*, aged Seventy.

CV.

Mr. LONGLEY, Coachman to Mr. Gregory, a Merchant *without* Bishopsgate.

HAS been frequently troubled with Pain in the Left-side for twenty Years past. At first he seldom had more than three or four Fits in a Year, but of late they have come more often, and always begun with great Pain in the Left-side, about the Region of the Kidney, which was presently followed by

by a Suppression of Urine and Swelling of the Belly. In this State he usually continued a Fortnight or longer, and at the End of the Fit always brought away a great Quantity of bloody Water, which lasted till the Swelling went quite down.

In the Beginning of *September* 1737, he was seized with a Fit of this Kind, which besides the Symptoms above-described, was attended with such rack-ing Pain and great Swelling of the whole Belly, that he was not able to lie down in his Bed, or get any Sleep for near two Months. He entered upon *Mrs. Stephens's* Medicines at the End of *October*, and before he had taken them three Weeks, he began to make Water more plentifully than for two Months before, the Swelling abated, and he grew gradually better every Day. About the Middle of *January*, he brought away great Flows of Water deeply tinged with Blood, to the Quantity of several Gallons in the Space of four or five Days, and became quite easy. Before this bloody Water came away, his Urine was always thick, and let fall a considerable Sediment, but tho' he continued the Medicines a Month afterwards, his Urine was clear, and let fall no Sediment at all. He left them off about the Middle of *February* 1737-8, having taken them four Months, and has been in a perfect State of Health ever since.

CVI.

Mr. HARRISON, Kirby Stephen, Westmorland.

IN *August* 1736, I was seized with a violent Pain in the Small of my Back and down to my Hip, Vomiting, and great Difficulty in making Water. Ever since have had frequent Fits, and about Twelve Months ago voided a Stone near as big as
a small

a small Horse-bean, but was not in the least relieved thereby. Afterwards got quit of several not quite so big as the smallest Pea. At that Time and ever since have found in the Bottom of the Chamber-pot a Quantity of red Sand, and in it some Pieces very sharp, but of late more and more. I am never free from Pain in my Kidneys, and Flank or Side, down to the Bladder, and much troubled with Wind in that Part. Have great Difficulty in making Urine, at first it comes freely, then stops, and is voided Drop by Drop with such intolerable Pain, that my Seat or Gut comes down. I have this Trouble eight or nine Times every Night, often more, and frequently in the Day-time. In Bed have a pricking Pain in the lower Part of my Body. Am apprehensive of a Stone. I am otherwise healthy, strong and corpulent, about Fifty-six Years of Age, and can eat heartily; and for some Years past have lived exceedingly regular. Can Ride a Mile or two a moderate Pace, but with Pain, and afterwards more uneasy; if a farther Journey my Urine will be high-coloured, as if mingled with Blood, and occasions rising twelve or fourteen Times in the Night.

Mr Harrison sent up this State of his Case to Mrs. Stephens in November last. What Effects the Medicines have had upon him will appear by the following Account.

I began Mrs. Stephens's Medicines on Christmas-Day last, and I thank God, have found some Benefit by them. I can make Water much easier, and the Pain is abated, neither have I such a Pressing down of my Seat or Gut. I have never voided any great Stones, but have got away several of the Bigness of large Pin's Heads; they come away soft and not with much Pain, like as if they were shivered from
a large

large Stone. I hope by continuing the Medicines I shall be perfectly well.

Feb. 12, 1738-9.

CHRIST. HARRISON.

CVII.

Mr. WILLSON, Highwray, near Hawkshead,
Lancashire.

I Have taken Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines Twenty-seven Weeks, as directly according to Order as possible. The first eight Weeks there came a slimy Matter away, little of Stone to Appearance. The next eight Weeks scarce one Day but there came something like as from the Stone, of several Shapes and Sizes, in a soft rotten State, with small Particles; but there has come but little this nine Weeks, only this last Week four or five Bits, of several Shapes and Sizes, white on one Side and brown on the other; but they are very hard, and I have as great Pain this Week as ever I had, but am not out of Hopes, but it will do in Time, if I be able to bear it. I cannot expect to be cured soon, for I believe the Stone was large. I felt it about four Years. I think it is much lighter than it was, but great Pain still remains, for there are a great many Pieces like as from a Stone, which I have kept, besides some lost.

Feb. 8, 1738-9.

ANTHONY WILLSON.

The Symptoms before I took the Medicines, were such as I could not go nor ride without great Pain, and could feel the Stone move as I moved, and always clear Water.

CVIII. Mr.

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Mr. PEDLEY, Steward to Uvedale Price, Esq;
 in Gerrard-Street, St. Ann's. He drew up
 the following State of his Case in Nov.
 1737.

THE first Fit I had of the Stone is about seven-
 teen Years since. It took me in my Left-
 Kidney in a very violent Manner, which would hold
 me for four, five, or six Days, and I had these Fits
 for about four Times a Year. Much riding or
 much walking would fret my Kidneys against the
 Stones, that my Water would be the Colour of
 Blood. And before these Fits left me, I could feel
 the Stones pass from my Kidney into my Bladder,
 sometimes eight, nine, or ten; and they would stay
 in my Bladder three or four Days, sometimes more,
 and then come away with my Water. Some are as
 hard as Marbles, and as smooth, some ragged and
 of a sandy Nature. They are about the Size of Grey-
 Pease. I have several of them in my keeping now
 in a Box. When I had those Fits, I constantly vo-
 mited all the while I was so ill. I have not had a
 violent Fit this four Years, but when I Walk or
 Ride much I have a dead numbny Pain in my Kid-
 ney, and sometimes a Stone will strike so sharp
 against the Neck of my Bladder, that it will make
 me scream out as if a Sword was run thro' me. By
 these Symptoms I know that I have many Stones
 both in my Kidneys and Bladder at this Time, and
 am afraid they are too large to come away. I find
 they grow bigger in my Kidney, and are more un-
 easy than they were a Year ago.

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Some Time after Mr. *Pedley* began Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines, took them for about three Months, voided Slime, Sand, and small Parts of Stone, grew free from his Complaints, and has continued so ever since, as I was informed by *Uvedale Price*, Esq; his Master, Feb. 17, 1738-9.

CIX.

Mr. THOMAS POND, Mrs. *Stephens's* *Servant*,
Macclesfield-Street, St. Ann's.

ABOUT three Years ago he began to have Pains in his Back, Body and Limbs. Some time after he felt a Stone drop into his Bladder, upon which he had Pain and Difficulty in making Water, sudden Stoppages, and bloody Water upon Motion. Was cut about two Years ago by Mr. *Chefelden*, and a small flat Stone taken out of his Bladder. About a Fortnight after the Operation he had a Return of his Pains in the Back, Body and Limbs, attended with Sickness. He took several Medicines upon this account, but without finding Relief. He then began Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines, and has taken them almost a Year. He found immediate Benefit from them, and has continued quite easy ever since; excepting some few Times, and particularly when something has seemed to descend from the Kidney into the Bladder. His Water has had much white Sediment, and he has voided several white, brown, and black Bits of Stone. He is upon the whole exceedingly better than when he began the Medicines, and has hardly any Complaints.

CX.

A. B. a Person, whose Name I have not the Liberty to mention.

THIS Person had a Fever about twelve Years ago, and after it the following Disorder. The Urine was in general muddy. Once in three Weeks or a Month, especially upon catching Cold, was seized with a Shivering, violent Pains in the Back, extending themselves to the Breast, and a Vomiting. Previously to this the Quantity of Urine used to be small, not from any Stoppage in the Bladder as the Person believes, but because it did not pass freely from the Kidneys. At the End of the Fit the Urine had a Coffee-coloured Sediment. Many Medicines were given, but without Success. At the End of about three Years this Person took Mrs. Stephens's Powders, drinking after them a Kind of Lemonade. Upon this there followed a Soreness in the Back. After some Weeks Use, Mrs. Stephens advised the Motion of a Coach. This was complied with, and about two Days after the Person was taken violently ill, voided by Urine a large Quantity of a slimy Matter like the White of an Egg, began to grow better from that Time, and has continued free from any Illness ever since, tho' sometimes subject to little Pains in the Back.

I mention this Case not as a Calculous one, but because I am unwilling to omit any Thing that may discover the true Nature and Operation of the Medicines. And I think it appears from hence, that the Powders are Detergent, and therefore not likely to be Stone-generators; also that they may be given with Safety, or even to Advantage, in Ulcers of the Kidneys.

CXI.

Mr. TOWNE, Grantham, Lincolnshire.

HAD frequent Provocations to make Water, Pains and Difficulty in making, sudden Stoppages in a full Stream, and made bloody Water upon Motion. Was examined in *Spring* 1737, at different Times by Mr. *Chefelden* and Mr. *Middleton*, and found by both to have a Stone. He then took Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines for about thirty Weeks, was easier in a short Time after taking them, and voided several Pieces of Stone, two of which were very large. He was examined again by Mr. *Middleton* and Mr. *Hawkins*, *Oct.* 9, 1738, and found to have a Stone, tho' he had been perfectly easy for some Months before, and rode several Journeys without Pain. And in a Letter dated *Feb.* 6, 1738-9, he gives the following Account of himself. " I
 " have been very easy and free from Pain, Thanks
 " be to God, ever since I was in *London*. I drink
 " Honey and Milk every Morning, and ride a
 " Hunting once or twice every Week, if the Wea-
 " ther permit me. I still have great Quantities of
 " red Gravel come from me, which sometimes
 " makes me a little uneasy. I was Yesterday on
 " Horse-back for near eight Hours, rode very hard,
 " and shall take all Opportunities of riding, since I
 " find it is of Service to me."

CXII. Mr.

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Mr. MACKENZIE, at Mr. Mackenzie's, *in*
Queen-Street, *near* Soho-Square.

HAS had Pains in the Region of the Right
Kidney, with a Heat there, for about a
Year and a half. Was not able to Sleep upon this
Account; had often stinking Slime in his Water,
and this was sometimes Coffee-coloured. About two
Years ago used to void red Gravel: He has taken
Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines for about three Months:
He was more uneasy for the first Fortnight after he be-
gan, but his Pains are now less than they were be-
fore, and he can Sleep very well. A considerable
Quantity of Sandy Matter adheres to the Sides of
the Glass, in which his Urine is kept.

CXIII.

The Reverend Mr. HARRYMAN, Peckleton,
near Leicester.

ABOUT a Year before I took Mrs. *Stephens's*
Medicines, I first began to be sensible of
some Disorder in my Bladder. When I had walked
or rode a Mile or two to take the Air, I had fre-
quent Irritations to Urine, and what came from me
was high-coloured, hot and painful in the Passage,
and was generally attended with Weakness and
Faintness, and a Tenesmus, and sometimes a sharp,
unkindly, small Siege. After I had taken for a
Quarter of a Year what was adjudged proper under
these Circumstances and Indications by some emi-
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nent Physicians, and found little Benefit thereby, I was perswaded to send for Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines, which after I had taken them five Days, threw me into a violent Provocation to make Water continually, with great Pain and Heat, and forcings to go to Stool, and withal made me very weak and feverish. This continued for five Days, during which time I could not take the Medicines. But after this finding my self well and hearty, I ventured to take them again. So I continued for three or four Months, always leaving them off when I was ill, and taking them again when I began to be well. In these Fits, which returned upon me very often, my Water often settled into a white, soft, mucous Hypostasis. Sometimes it had a gritty Sediment about the Sides and Bottom of the Urinal. In two or three of these Paroxysms I voided little bloody Bladders, and much bloody Water, and almost always soft Bits of Skin; and twice at different Times, two little Bits of Stone, not so big as the smallest Pepper Corn.

I do think the Medicines would have done me good, had I been able to have born them, but they were so strongly diuretic, that I could neither take them in greater nor less Doses, and even since I left them off (which was a Week before Christmas) I have had three or four of the same violent Paroxysms, with much Weakness, with bloody Water, with strong Provocations backwards, and Ejection of Bits of *Fæces*, and other painful Symptoms.

The Dose I took was at first half a Dram of the Powder, sometimes twice, and sometimes thrice a Day, and almost half a Pint of the Decoction, which was made of a Quarter of the Ball, and a Quart of Water with Herbs, &c. Afterwards I took but a Scruple, and then less.

J. Harryman.

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Mr. GRAYDON, Steward to the Right Hon. the Countess of Suffolk, Saville-Row. His Case is contained in a Letter to me, dated February 19, 1738-9.

I Had last Summer a severe Fit of the Gravel or Stone in my Kidneys, which continued with great Pain for ten Days, when I voided six Stones, the largest about the bigness of a Horse-Bean. The Pain I suffered made me have Recourse to Mrs. Stephens, who by the Symptoms I gave her of my Illness, judged my Case not bad enough to require either her Powders or her Liquid, but thought the Pills woud be sufficient. I began to take them in *August*, tho' at that time I was perfectly free from Pain or Sign of an approaching Fit. The second Day produced a great Quantity of large, coarse, red Gravel, without the least Pain or Obstruction in my making Water. This Discharge of Gravel, of so coarse a Nature, continued daily, which pleased as well as surpris'd me. In three Weeks I felt a Pain in my Loins as formerly, tho' not so grievous, and as it increased upon me, about seven in the Evening I drank a Quart of Poffet-Drink and went to Bed. About Ten I voided an incredible Quantity of coarse Gravel or rather Stones, with one as large as a big Pea. I then was as easy as ever, and went on taking the Pills every Night going to bed, which, as I have said before, never failed the Effect I have mentioned. In order to confirm my Belief, I some Nights omitted taking them, and then very little Gravel came from me, but upon my repeating them the usual Discharge followed.

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I took the Pills in this Manner for ten Weeks, 'till I voided no more Gravel, and my Urine became as clear as Water, and remains so to this Day. I keep some Pills always by me, and every three or four Days take ten of them for two Nights successively, but void nothing. Now, Sir, whether these Medicines have caused a total Discharge of Gravel that may have been lodged within me, I leave to your Judgment. If that is the Case I account my self happy, and do verily believe all the Good I have received, for the Complaint I am speaking of, is owing to Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicine. *I am, &c.*

Robert Graydon.

As it does not appear from the Circumstances of this Case, or indeed of any other, that the Medicines make the Gravel which is voided, it is probable that they bring it away; and therefore that they would have brought more away here, had more remained.

CXV.

Captain HARDWICK, Spilsby, Lincolnshire.

I Was very much Afflicted with the Gravel and Stone in the Kidneys. I got quit of several Stones, some as big as Peas and Beans, and one as big as an Almond, and of that Shape, and very seldom free from Pain. And hearing of Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicine, I went to *London* on purpose to take it, and I took it for above three Months very regularly, and while I was taking it was very free from Pain, and continued so for some Months after I left it off. But I have had some Fits of it since, but not so sharp as usual. If I could have continued taking

taking it, I believe I should have received more Benefit; but the Dose was so large and very nau-
seous, and so often to be taken, that I could not
take it any longer.

William Hardwick.

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CXVI.

Mr. MACARTNEY, Merchant at Bristol.

I Begun Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines in *May* last, and continued taking them about six Weeks. They agreed well with me, but put me to excessive Pain, and the Return so quick that I had not Resolution to go on. I brought off in the time a good deal of Grit, and once a small Piece of a Stone. It was very thin, and looked like a Part of the outward Coat. Before I took the Medicines, about a Year or more, I had the Symptoms of a Stone in the Kidneys, being frequently in Pain tho' not so violent, made foul blackish Water, and upon using the least Exercise, either on Horseback or in a Coach, I made bloody Water. Since I have left off the Medicines I have been very easy. I have not used any considerable Exercise, but sometimes have been abroad in a Coach about three Miles, out on the Downs, and have made no bloody Water. I have great Reason to think well of the Medicines, being very sensible of having received Benefit from them, and have a great Inclination to take them again, tho' as long as I continue as easy and as well as I have been, I doubt I shall not have Resolution enough to undertake that disagreeable and severe Regimen.

James Macartney.

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CXVII.

Mrs. FRANCIS, Exeter.

WAS Afflicted with calculous Disorders, took Mrs. Stephens's Medicines, and received great Benefit from them.

CXVIII.

Mr. BINFORD, Merchant at Exeter. *His Case was published last Year, in the following Words.*

“ **H**E had a Stone taken out of his Bladder by
 “ the Operation, when about ten Years old.
 “ Has had the Symptoms of a Stone in the Bladder
 “ now again, for about six Years. A Surgeon at
 “ Exeter examined him twice by the Finger in the
 “ Anus, and found both Times in the most evident
 “ Manner a Stone in the Bladder, which he ima-
 “ gined to be as big as an Egg. Mr. Binford per-
 “ ceived the Motions of this Stone during the Exa-
 “ nations, and made bloody Water after one of
 “ them. He began Mrs. Stephens's Medicines
 “ about the middle of last August, and in a short
 “ Time after voided many white Scales, and much
 “ brown Grit in a soft and rotten State: Since this
 “ he has voided many irregular Shells of Stone, of
 “ a considerable Size, and of such a Thickness, as
 “ to consist of several Coats, from two to six in
 “ Number: Many of these, when voided, are
 “ covered with a whiteness, which being rubb'd off
 “ the Shell appears to be brown. On the 30th of
 “ January

“ *January* he had a suppression of Urine; Mr.
 “ *Hawkins* passed the Catheter then, and found a
 “ Stone in the Bladder, which he told Mr. *Binford*
 “ he believed to be very small, though he would
 “ not presume to be certain. Mr. *Binford* has
 “ voided many more Pieces of Stone since this,
 “ and Mrs. *Stephens* is in daily Expectation of his
 “ being perfectly well.

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After this Mr. *Binford* voided several more
 Pieces, of one of which in particular, he observes in
 a Letter to me, that it was a large Piece of the Stone,
 which appeared to him to be part of the very Heart of it.
 It appeared also to be very rotten, was porous, and in
 Colour like Sponge; and had several white Particles,
 working out of some of the Pores of it. He then be-
 came perfectly easy, and able to use all Manner of
 Exercise.

And in a Letter to me, dated from *Exeter*, *May*
 4, 1738; he has the following Words. I have
 received your Favour of the 16th Instant, and this
 Morning got Mr. *Patch* to search me, in the Manner
 which you desire, who tells me that he could not feel any
 stone, or any Thing like it, as he verily believes he
 would, if there was any remaining in my Bladder, since
 he felt it so very plain formerly, very near the length of
 his Finger. This, and seeing what I brought off, has
 convinced him of my being Cured, though he would be-
 lieve nothing of the Matter before I came down. I
 shall be very glad if it may be of any Service to you in
 satisfying those, who find it so hard to believe. I was
 well satisfied before, not having found the least Inconve-
 nience in my Journey hither, (though I rode from *Bristol*
 at a pretty great Rate, on a hard trotting Horse,) and
 continuing perfectly easy, since I have been here.

And in another Letter to me, dated *February 17, 1738-9*, he says; *That he continues very well and free from any Complaints; and that he never brought off any Scales or Pieces, before he took Mrs. Stephens's Medicines, nor since.* The Discharge of these is not therefore likely to have been from meer Accident; nor is there any Evidence of a stone-generating Power in this Case, but much otherwise. Let it be considered impartially.

CXIX.

Mrs. COLLIER, *at Mr. Poyntz's, St. James's Palace.*

SHE has had some Complaints, supposed to proceed from a Stone in the Kidneys, for several Years. Has taken Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines, but with frequent Intermissions, for a long Time; and always finds herself easier when she does take them.

CXX.

Mr. TUNIMAN, *in Basinghall-Street.*

WAS Subject to Pains in the Back with Cholic, for some Time, but had no Sickness or Vomitings. Used to void Gravel and Gravel-stones very frequently. Then took Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines, upon which he parted with Pieces of a hard laminated Stone, and grew much easier. He left them off after eleven Months Use upon

upon finding no more Stone come away. His Complaints have of late increased again.

CXXI.

THOMAS ROBINSON, Esq. *late Secretary of the Post-Office.*

AGED Thirty-nine. Had been much afflicted with the Gout for some Years, and finding no Benefit from many Kinds of Physic, which he had taken, had a Mind to try Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines. This he did for three Months, and during a considerable Part of that Time, his Urine smelt extremely strong, and deposited a copious Sediment. He then left off the Medicines, having neither received Benefit nor Harm from the Use of them.

CXXII.

Mr. DAUBUZ, Merchant, *in Throgmorton-Street. This Case was published last Year, in the following Words.*

“ HE has been subject to void Gravel for a
 “ long Time, and had the following Com-
 “ plaints for about ten Months. Pain along the
 “ Urethra, and at the Neck of the Bladder, espe-
 “ cially upon walking much, or going in a Coach.
 “ Violent Pain and Difficulty in making Water:
 “ A sudden Stoppage very often: Forcing to go
 “ to Stool: Bloody Water upon much Motion.
 “ He began Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines the first
 “ Week of last *August*: Upon this his Water
 “ became

became turbid at the Time of making, and he voided a good deal of red Gravel. He was much better in a Month, free from all Complaints in six Weeks, and his Water ceased to be turbid at the Time of making, tho' he still continued the Use of the Medicines. He left them off in *October*, having voided three small Stones, two flat, and one round, a little before this; and has been perfectly well ever since.

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Mr. *Daubuz* continued well till *October* last, when he began to have Pain and bloody Urine upon riding in his Coach. Then took Mrs. *Stephens's* Pills, fifteen in a Day and became easier. They seemed to bring on a Fit of the Cholic, since which he has been much better, the Urine upon that being thick, and he continuing so well that he says, if he was not to be worse, he would take no more.

CXXIII.

My Own Case.

IN the Beginning of the Year 1736, upon drinking the *Bath* Waters, I had Pain in the Region of both Kidneys, and in my Journey from *Bath* to *London* on Horse-back, a Pricking at the Neck of the Bladder with a Difficulty of making Water. In *Summer* 1736, upon drinking the *Tunbridge* Waters, I had also some Complaints of the same Kind, but I do not remember them distinctly. In the End of the Year 1736, I had several Fits of Pain in my right Side, Pain and Difficulty in making Water, and a Pricking at the Neck of the Bladder. In the Beginning of the Year 1737, I began to have great Uneasiness at the Neck of the Bladder,
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in the Urethra and Glans, and to make bloody Water upon Motion. I had also frequent Stoppages in a full Stream, and an Irritation in *Ano* at the Time of making. I was examined by Mr. *Chefelden*, but no Stone could be found. However, as the last-mentioned Complaints continued, and appeared to be the genuine Symptoms of a Stone in the Bladder, and of nothing but a Stone, I began Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines, *May* 7, 1737, having first informed myself of some Facts which made me think them both effectual and safe. I have taken them ever since with the greatest Regularity, and have found the following Effects from them. Upon first taking them my Water seemed to be something hotter than usual, had a volatile putrid Smell, was turbid and wheyish at the Time of making, fermented with various Acids, Mineral and Vegetable, and let fall a white heavy Sediment: And it continues to have the same Appearances to this Time, sometimes in a greater Degree, sometimes in a less. I void also at Times angular Bits of Stone, about as big as Pins Heads, most of them white and rotten, but some brown and hard, and have very frequently small, white, rotten, angular Grit come away, which I take to differ from the white Bits only in Size. And I judge both Bits and Grit to be the Effects of the Medicines, because I never saw any Thing of that Kind in my Water till I took them, tho' I had observed it carefully for three Months before. About six Weeks after I begun, I had a most violent Pain in the left Side, seeming to arise from the Descent of a Stone thro' the left Ureter, and the next Day I voided two angular Bits of Stone, not very hard. After this I had several other Returns of the same Kind, only far more gentle, and voided Bits of Stone after most of them; but have now felt no Disorder in that Kidney for eight or ten Months. As to my right
Kidney,

Kidney, where my Complaints were in the End of the Year 1736, I have now and then a very slight and momentary Pain there, upon bending or raising my Body, but no Weight or Heat. In *Oct.* 1737, I was examined a second Time. Mr. *Hawkins* examined me, but could not find a Stone. In *July* 1738, I was examined a third Time, and by Mr. *Hawkins*, with a very large-sized Catheter, and and while my Bladder (which had been emptied just before the two first Examinations) was pretty full. He felt a Stone when the Catheter was pushed into the Bladder as far as the Handle would permit, but lost it when he drew the Catheter back. About a Week after this Examination I voided several broad, thin Scales of Stone, which were brown when first voided, but grew white afterwards. They were also hard and brittle, and some of them had distinct Coats. And tho' I was entirely convinced by the preceding Examination that I had a Stone; yet I desired Mr. *Hawkins* to make a Fourth, which he did, *August* 28, and found the Stone under the same Circumstances as before. In the End of *October* and Beginning of *November* last, I voided many more Scales. They were of the same Kind, only thicker, and seeming to be more brittle, and weighed about ten Grains when dry. I had at this Time great Pain in making Water for about three Weeks, also frequent Pricking and Uneasiness at the Neck of the Bladder. I voided a few more Scales in *December* last, but without any increase of Pain.

As to my Complaints they have continued nearly the same as for three Months before I begun the Medicines; but I am extremely well, and indeed better in other Respects since I took them. I have observed for some Time, that I very seldom have a Stoppage, when I bend my Body forwards, at the Time of making Water, but perhaps this would have been the Case before, had I tried it. I have
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also recollected of late several slight Symptoms, which make me suspect that I have had a Stone in the Bladder for twelve or fourteen Years.

I give so particular an Account of myself for the Satisfaction of the Public, as more Strefs appears to be laid upon my Case than is due to a single one amongst so great a Number. It seems to me that the Medicines do from Time to Time lessen the Stone in my Bladder, tho' in a slower Manner than in most other Cases; and as my Perseverance in them must satisfy all my Fellow-sufferers of my Sincerity, so I hope for their Sakes as well as my own, that I shall not prove to be mistaken.

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CXXIV.

Mrs. BROWN, *in* Theobalds-Court, Theobalds-Row.

HAD been troubled with violent Pain in the Back, and other Symptoms of the Gravel for six Months together. Had taken a great Variety of Medicines to no Purpose, and was by such a Continuance of Pain reduced to a State of extreme Weakness. She begun Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines in *April* 1737, and continued them three Months, in which Time she became quite easy, and as perfectly well as ever in her Life.

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Mr. BARROW, *at Mr. Carter's in the Hay-Market.*

A G E D Sixty-two, has had the Symptoms of the Stone and Gravel about thirty Years. Of late has been much afflicted with violent Pain and Forcings at the Neck of the Bladder, and such frequent Provocations to make Water that he was not able for some Time to perform his Business, and made bloody Water upon walking much. He was examined in the Beginning of *January* 1737-8, by *Mr. Hawkins*, who found a Stone in his Bladder. He began *Mrs. Stephens's* Medicines in the same Month, which at first increased his Pain; but within a Fortnight brought away great Quantities of black Grit, about the Size of small Mustard-Seed. This continued to come away three or four Days, after which he grew easier. He has voided Grit and Sand several Times since, and has still the same Symptoms tho' in a much less Degree; for he can Work, and Walk as far *Hampstead*, without any Inconvenience.

CXXVI.

Mr. GARDINER, *at Mr. Keen's, a Tallow-Chandler in Fetter-Lane.*

I S Sixty Years of Age, and has had the Symptoms of a Stone in the Bladder about six Years. For many Months past has had such frequent Provocations to make Water, that he could not lie quiet

in Bed five Minutes together. He had also great Forcings to Stool, and made bloody Water upon riding, or walking much. He was examined on the Thirtieth of *December* last by Mr. *Nourse*, who found a Stone in the Bladder; and on the Second of *January* he began Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines. At first they increased his Pain, but before he had taken them a Month, he became very easy, and has since walked as far as the *Royal-Exchange*, without making bloody Water, or finding any Inconvenience; and can pass a whole Night without an Occasion of making Water at all. He continues the Medicines, and brings away (besides a cloudy Sediment in his Urine) a considerable Quantity of Grit, both in Size and Colour very much like the common House Sand.

CXXVII.

Mr. SAMUEL PALMER, at Mr. Henry Palmer's, Merchant in Aldermanbury.

FOR two Years or more I had four or five Fits of the Stone in my Kidneys, and I had Dr. *Wadsworth*, and took it for the Cholic. At last I had a Fit, and after it was almost over, I went to the Tavern with a Friend, where I had five or six Motions to make Water with some Pain. At last I found something push out, and I made Water freely. I looked in the Pot, and found a Stone as big as a Pea. Not long after I voided five or six more about the same Size; after which I could not hold my Water for about six Months, but it came from me involuntarily perpetually, being continually wet, and almost a continual forcing to make Water, with some Pain. Which being so troublesome, and hearing of Mrs. *Stephens's* Remedy by several Hands,

just after *Christmas* last was Twelve-Months, I came to *Mortlake*, and took it for ten Days, and then went to *London* for three or four Days, and took it for ten Days more. I found it forced my Water for four or five Days pretty much, and then without Pain both Times. After that and ever since, I have held my Water very well, and been perfectly well; only I find three or four Times since, when I have walked five or six Miles, it brings upon me the Forcing of Water and coming of it involuntarily from me for two Days, but resting cures me. I can walk two or three Miles, and do me no Harm. I have not taken it since being very well. It brought no Stone from me, but I thought a small Matter of Gravel.

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Mortlake, *Feb.* 20,
1738-9.

CXXVIII.

Mr. MORAN, at Mr. Fitzgerald's in Basinghall-Street.

I Have taken but few Doses of Mrs. *Stephens's* Remedy, by which I found immediate Ease from the tormenting Pains I was subject to before. Whether proceeding from Gravel, or more probably from the Stone, I don't doubt of being compleatly cured, after I shall take a Quantity of that efficacious Medicine proportionable to the Stubborness of my Distemper.

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J. MORAN.

CXXIX.

Mr. BULL, Halam, *near* Southwell, Nottinghamshire.

SINCE I took Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines, I have voided a great deal of Gravel and two Stones, rough and of a whitish Colour, and have been better ever since.

JOSEPH BULL.

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CXXX.

THEODORE BRINCKMANN, Esq. *Valet de*
Chambre to his MAJESTY.

HE has been much troubled with Pains in his Back, frequent Irritations to make Water, and a Scalding. Has at Times voided Gravel and Slime, had sudden Stoppages of Urine in a full Stream, and felt a Provocation to go to Stool when he made Water. He was however, able to ride in a Coach, till at last he made bloody Water, and could not bear it any more. And as his Paroxysms had come upon him for some Time, so much worse that he had no Rest Night or Day, he resolved to make use of Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines, and has now taken them for about five Months. The three or four first Days he suffered a great deal with the sharpness of Urine, but ever since has had much less Pain, and makes Water more freely, nor has he the sudden Stoppages before-mentioned. The Provocations to go to Stool at the Times of making Water,

Water, are likewise in a less Degree. He voids much Mucus every Night with his Urine, and the Glasses in which it is kept have a sandy Concretion sticking to their Sides. He has also several Times parted with little, whitish, solid, rough Pieces of hard Matter. He feels often a Heaviness with a sinking and burning at his Stomach, especially in an Evening; which yet he had in a greater Degree, before he began the Medicines. Upon the whole, he is considerably Relieved as to his Symptoms, has a good Appetite and is free from Sickness; but he still feels that his Kidneys are far from being clear, having from Time to Time Pains in his Back, with an Irritation to make Water and a Scalding.

Feb. 22, 1738-9.

CXXXI.

The Rev. Dr. KIRKPATRICK, Belfast in Ireland.

This Gentleman is an eminent Practitioner in Physic, and keeps an exact DIARY of his Case. He has favoured me with Letters from Time to Time concerning it, from which I will make Extracts in Order.

Extract from Dr. Kirkpatrick's first Letter to me, dated October 25, 1738.

TH E S E fifteen or sixteen Years I have been afflicted with the Gravel in the Kidneys, and after the usual Paroxysms of Vomiting, &c. and the Use of the warm Bath, emollient Clysters, and internal balsamic Medicines, have past divers Stones. The last of these severe Fits was in July 1737. I then past a small Stone, but have ever since that been subject to violent Fits of the Strangury, (with-
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out any Pains in the Kidney) and always found Motion excite these Pains. I found something like a sanious purulent Excretion come along with the Urine, and generally an intense Pain in the *Glans Penis*, after passing it. Last Spring, for a Month, I confined myself, and used every Day a lenient Cathartic, mixed with some Gums, Balsams, and Terebinths, and a little Crude Mercury, which succeeded very well in easing my Pains and lessening the purulent Discharge.

1738.

- Oct. 17. I began Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines.
18. The Urine became rancid, and my Pain increased, and was almost continual that Day. That Day I passed one oblong angular Bit of Stone.
19. Full of white Sediment, and so continues to this Day. Frequent Stoppage, great Pain in *Pene* and *Vesicâ*.
20. Frequent Stoppage; passed one angular broad Flake of Stone.
21. Less Pain; passed three Flakes of Stone.
22. Less Pain; passed many angular Bits, but small. Extreme Pain for half an Hour.
23. A glassy Scum on the Urine, continuing to this Day, like a Pellicle. Passed more than a Dozen of white Flakes of Stone; some of them as broad as a Straw, and twice as long as broad; some thicker, but most of them like Egg-shells. Above twenty small angular Bits. In my Microscope, the Flakes appear very distinctly like Pieces of rotten Rock, rent asunder.
24. Passed as many Flakes of Stone to Day as Yesterday. Some of them white on one Side and a little reddish on the other.

other. I apprehend the white Side is that which lies in the Urine, and the other Side is that which is broke off from the main Stone, whose Colour it bears.

25. I continue to Day to pass the same Kind of Flakes and angular Bits.

Thus I have given you an Abstract of my Diary, which I keep very exactly. I confine myself to my Chamber, that by a State of Rest, the medicated Urine may lie longer upon the Stone. I take very little Liquid, keep a good Appetite and Digestion. The Medicines agree very well with me, and I am as regular a Patient as you could wish. I believe you will think this Account as Encouraging as you could well expect, in nine Days Use. I confess the Event has much exceeded my own Expectation. Such as it is I have sent it, that I might do Justice to Mrs. *Stephens*, and also to the Public. My Urine ferments with Acids, and turns Syrup of Violets green.

Extract from Dr. Kirkpatrick's second Letter to me, dated November 8, 1738.

In my last of the 25th ult. I gave you an Abstract of my Diary to that Day. I proceed where I left off.

Oct. 25. Passed Thirty-seven Flakes of Stone, two or three remarkably thicker; one larger than any of the former. Much white Sediment, many angular Bits.

26. Passed Seventy-eight Flakes of Stone, many of them equal to the largest of the former. Twenty of them passed
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at one Discharge of Urine. Many angular Bits.

27. Passed Sixty-four Flakes, some thicker than any of the former. At one Discharge of Urine passed Twenty-five.
28. Passed Ninety Flakes. Some thicker than any of the former. Much white Sediment.
29. Passed Thirty-eight Flakes, two of them a quarter of an Inch broad, and twice as long.
30. Passed Thirty-four Flakes.
31. Passed Fifty-six Flakes. Many angular Bits. Some Days I passed a greater Number, but considering the largeness, this exceeds the Quantity of any one Days Evacuation.

- Nov.*
1. Passed Twenty-nine Flakes; six of them as large as any of the former; one of them exactly in the Shape of a Bean. All I have passed are Convex and white on one Side, Concave and Brown on the other.
 2. Passed six Flakes; very little white Sediment.
 3. No Flakes or Bits.
 4. Passed three Flakes as large as any of the former, with some few angular Bits.
 5. } No Flakes.
 6. }
 7. One Flake, and one angular Bit.

You may observe, that since the fourth Instant, there is a sort of a Stop in the Operation of the Medicines, though I take them regularly. Perhaps the outward Coat of the main Stone is come away, and the internal Coat is much harder, and requires more Time to give way, and break or dissolve. I

have had great Pain after making Water, but especially these last four Days. I observe that in your Paper, recommending Subscriptions for the Præmium, you speak a little faintly about the white Sediment being a Part of the Stone; upon which I was induced to make the following Experiment. I gathered about a large Tea Spoonful of the white Sediment, and drained the Urine from it as well as I could. I left it three Days in the open Air, and found the Urine evaporated, and the Sediment grown into a solid calculous Mass, which I broke in Pieces and viewed in my Microscope. And it had the same Appearance in all Respects with the Flakes of Stone I passed, and the one could not be distinguished from the other. I think this is an Argument to prove that the white Sediment is really a Part of the Stone, ground into an impalpable Powder.

Extract from Dr. Kirkpatrick's third Letter to me, dated November 22, 1738.

- Nov. 8. Passed one Flake with some small gritty Matter, and white Sediment.
9. Passed two little round soft Pieces, of the same Substance with the Flakes, but softer; much white Sediment, which after the Filtration of the Urine, concreted into a solid calculous Mass, and had all the Appearances of the Flakes in my Microscope.
10. Passed two Flakes pretty large, one of them of a circular Figure, like the Surface of a Sphere, or like the Top of a Brass Nail, with a Convex and Concave Side; one small Stone, blackish Coloured with Veins of white.

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12. } Passed no Flakes, but divers angular
 13. } Bits, with white Sediment, pellucid
 14. } Mucus, and very great Pain.

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16. Passed two large Flakes, both Circular, like that described the 10th Current, with the largest Quantity of white Sediment passed in any one Day, since I began this Course.

17. Seven Flakes all pretty large, one of them having one Side very smooth, and the other very rough, but neither Side Convex or Concave. More pellucid Mucus with great Pain.

18. Twenty-three Flakes; two of the circular Kind. Four or five pretty large, of a deep yellow on both Sides. Two of a dark brown on both Sides, the most rotten of any I have yet passed. Pellucid Mucus with great Pain.

19. Forty-one Flakes. Divers pretty broad and long; but all much thinner, than what I passed formerly. Three or four a deeper red than any of the former. Pellucid Mucus with great Pain.

20. Thirty-two Flakes. Four smart Fits of Pain by the pellucid Mucus.

21. Twenty-three Flakes. One as large as any before, another in the Shape of a Stone, but very soft, susceptible of any Figure. Great Pain with the Mucus. I am passing more to Day to be inserted in my next.

You perceive a great Alteration in the Number, Size, Shape and Colour of the Flakes. I always scum off the Film from my Urine, before I filtrate

it; if you neglect it, your Sediment will be more saponaceous. Mine was so once, but after taking off the Film, the white Sediment always concretes into a calculous Mass, when the alkaline Urine which first pulverized it is duly evaporated, which being extremely volatile, will perfectly evaporate by standing two Days in the open Air.

As the Medicines have sooner begun to exert their Power in my Case, than they generally do in others, there is another Circumstance very afflicting to me to ballance it: What I mean is, the violent Pain continues without any Alleviation. Though I am now entered into the sixth Week, I am rather worse than at any Time since I begun. The Pain is through the whole Urethra, especially the *Glans Penis*, the whole *Perinæum*, and the Region of the Bladder. These Pains often continue for half an Hour at a Time, after making Water. When there is a Stoppage and a frequent Inclination to make Water, the Paroxysms come so thick upon me, that there is little Intermision. Some Days I shall be pretty easy, even after passing Water: The pellucid Mucus gives the greatest Pain. This puts me in Mind of a Passage in your first Letter to me, *viz.* That the Pain incurred by the Medicines, chiefly affects such as have an Ulcer in the Bladder of some standing. (*By this I meant a Discharge of Slime attended with Pain, which has generally been called so, but a real Ulcer in the Bladder is very rare*) I suspected this to be my Case, before I received your Letter, or used the Medicines: But the Continuance of the Pain so long, increases my Suspicion. I have not passed any Matter directly purulent, nor has all my Pain brought any Blood, except two or three small Specks, not exceeding the Quantity of one Gut of Blood. The Mucus is pellucid exactly like a clear transparent Jelly, viscid and envelopped in a thin Pellicle.

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When it stands in the open Air a few Hours, it turns into an opaque Body, tough and skinny. Before I suspected a Stone in the Bladder, I have observed on my Linnen some Stuff of the same Consistency with this Mucus, when reduced into an opaque Body, of a brownish Colour; but then I made no Complaint of Pain in making Water.

Sometimes I imagine this Mucus is no more than the Mucus, secreted from the Glands of the Bladder and Urethra, contrived by provident Nature to sheath the Acrimonious Salts of the Urine, that they might not offend the tender Parts through which they pass; and that the Alkaline medicated Urine is so very deterfive as to wear off and scour away this Mucus, leaving the Bladder and Urethra exceeding bare, and consequently obnoxious to Pains raised by the stony Particles, angular Bits, and coarser Part of the Sediment in passing. In all other Respects I enjoy perfect Health, with a good Appetite and Digestion. I long to know the State of the Subscription, and whether you be able to make any probable Calculation when it will be compleated, that the Public may have the Knowledge of this Glorious INVENTION.

Extract from Dr. Kirkpatrick's fourth Letter to me, dated December 9, 1738.

- Nov. 22. Passed Sixty-six Flakes.
 23. Forty-five Flakes.
 24. Twenty-one Flakes; one Stone the Bigness of a small Pea, with a very rough Surface, of a very red Colour and hard. Can this be the Nucleus of one Stone in the Bladder? For I had no Nephritic Pains or Symptoms.
 25. Thirty-four Flakes.
 Nov. 26. Thirty

Nov. 26. Thirty-nine Flakes. Twice pellucid Mucus, tinged with Blood in the Form of a Silk Thread, about half an Inch long.

27. Forty-five Flakes.

28. Thirty-two Flakes.

29. Thirty Flakes.

30. Three Flakes. Pellucid Mucus, in which one large Gut of Blood was involved.

Dec. 1. Passed two Flakes.

2. Two Flakes, with pellucid Mucus, tinged with Blood as before.

3. Four Flakes.

4. Two Flakes.

5. Two small Flakes.

6. Two Flakes.

7. Seven Flakes.

8. Eight Flakes. A Day of great and continual Pain, with a Strangury, and a pushing of the Urine, which I made seventeen Times: One Discharge was Bloody. At another Discharge I passed four Drops of Blood coagulated; and this Morning one little Clot of Blood larger than any two of the former Guts. During the passing of all these Flakes, I have passed a great Quantity of sharp angular Bits. My Pain after making Water still remains. I cannot find any Thing of a purulent Discharge. I retain Appetite and Digestion.

In this Fourth Letter Dr. Kirkpatrick gives also the following History.

MR. *James Steuart*, a Dissenting Minister within three Miles of this Town, has had a Stone (or rather two at least) in the Bladder these six Years,

Years. In *Spring* 1737, he drunk Half a Pint every Morning and Evening of the following Decoction. *Parsley-Break-Stone (Saxifrage) four Handfuls, and the Ingredients of the Syrup of Marshmallows. Simmer them in twelve Quarts of Spring-water into eight. To the strained Liquor add one Bottle of white Wine, and one Pound and a Half of Honey. Simmer all together for one Quarter of Hour.* He continued to drink this Decoction for three Months, during which Time he passed above one hundred very large Pieces of the Stone, which I saw and examined very narrowly. Many of them were the Thickness of Half a Straw-breadth, were broader than a Straw-breadth and an Half, and some of them three Quarters of an Inch long. The Out-side was as smooth as polished Marble, and convex; the In-side rough and concave. One of them stuck in the Urethra eight Days, and was pulled away by the Forceps. He passed likewise a great deal of Slime. He apprehended the Medicine to be too rough and strong for him, and therefore has not used any more of it since, but found himself easier after it than he had been for four Years. By laying together the Pieces he passed, we could find out the Dimensions of one Stone. But there were many other Pieces which when laid together, exhibited a quite different Shape from the former, whence we concluded he must have had at least two Stones.

About a Year ago (after he had passed these calculous Shells) he was informed of a medicated *Scots Ale*, which had brought away a large Stone in the Bladder, in the Form of a fine Sediment in the Urine, from Mr. *Monteeth* Minister of *Bury* in *Galloway* in *North-Britain*. The Composition was this. Chamomile Flowers, Daucus-Seed, of each two Handfuls; Quicken-Grafs Roots, Eryngo Roots, and Gentian Roots (not the Officinal Gentian but *Meum*)

Meum) and Sage, of each one Handful, wrought in four Gallons of *Scots Ale*. Mr. *Steuart* added Parsley-Break-Stone, Juniper-Berries, Elder-Berries and Pellitory of the Wall. This medicated Ale has been his constant Drink for a Year past, by which he finds great Ease, and observes in his Urine a very large Sediment, exactly of the same Colour with the Shells of Stone which he passed. He can walk four or five Miles a Day without bloody Urine, which he could not do for some Years before, and hopes the Stone will be gradually brought away in that Sediment. This Experiment encouraged me to use the same medicated Ale for my ordinary Drink this Month past. But considering that I was using Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines, I left out of my Ale the Sage and Elder-Berries, and put in but the half Quantities of the other Ingredients in a middling Ale; which is very fine, and agrees very well with me.

Extract from Dr. Kirkpatrick's 5th Letter to me, dated Dec. 25, 1738.

Dec. 9. Passed three small Flakes.

Dec. 10. Six small Flakes.

11. Ten Flakes. One as large as any of the former; most of them of a middling Size. Many stony Particles, and small Bits.

12. No Flakes.

13. Ten Flakes.

14. Three Flakes.

15. Five Plakes.

16. Four Flakes.

17. Six Flakes. One as large as any, perfectly Honey-combed.

18. Eleven Flakes.

19. Nine Flakes.

20.

21.

22.

23.

24.

} Each Day one Flake.

The principal Thing I am to observe to you is, that these ten Days last past my Pains are much lessened. They are neither so sharp, nor of such Continuance as formerly. Nor do I pass the Half of the pellucid Mucus I did before; whence I conceive Hopes that there is not a proper Ulcer, but the natural Mucus carried and swept off the Bladder and Urethra, with the Sharpness and Acrimony of the medicated Urine. I retain Appetite and Digestion (blessed be God) tho' this Day compleats the tenth Week of my Confinement. I often repeat the Experiment I formerly mentioned of the white Sediment, and it always grows into a solid calculous Concretion, having no Appearance of any Thing that is saponaceous.

Extract from Dr. Kirkpatrick's 6th Letter to me, dated Jan. 20, 1738-9.

From Dec. 25 (the Date of my last) to the 16th Instant, I passed but about eight Flakes, but divers little, brown, rotten Bits of Stone; some little, black, hard Bits of Stone; abundance of white Sediment, a good deal of soft Matter like brown Sugar-candy, which by standing hardens a little, but does not appear of a stony Substance; several Pieces brownish coloured, which appear fibrous, and not stony. I know not what to make of these Things.

On the 16th Instant I passed with Difficulty, with some Blood, and a good deal of Pain, a large Stone of an irregular Figure, with five or six Sides, which looked like the Sides of a Nutmeg rasped

with a Grater, or a File, but much smoother. It weighed four Grains, and is of an hard Substance. When I passed it, it was of an Ash-colour, but it now has a little yellowish Cast. The same Day I passed a very small Stone, of a light-brownish Colour, almost an exact Cube, with very sharp Angles, and the Sides rougher than the big Stone. The next Day I passed another Stone, as large as the biggest of the former, and exactly of the same Weight, Colour, Smoothness, and Solidity with it, but of a very different Figure; upon the Main, it is nearest to a Triangle, with Sides as if taken off with a File. This last I passed with little or no Pain, tho' it must have extended the Urethra more than the former. On the 18th I passed a small but longish Bit of solid Stone of the same Colour with the former, which I take to be a Piece broke off from one larger, yet remaining in the Bladder. And I am perfectly sensible by several Postures of my Body, that there is such a Remainder there. I am of Opinion that those polished Sides were made by the medicated Urine, pulverizing the Stone, and sending it off in the white Sediment. I have had no Nephritic Pains since *July 1737*, and therefore conclude these Stones have been lying in the Bladder long before I begun my Medicines; that the outward Laminæ have been carried off in Flakes, and their Corners and Ridges smoothed by the Medicines. I have strong Hopes that the Remainder, as soon as it is pared and grated into a passable Shape, will soon be discharged. I walk every Day in my Chamber near an Hour without any Inconveniency, and can go up and down Stairs pretty nimbly without Pain. I continue (blessed be God) to pass my Urine with little or no Pain. I enjoy Appetite and Digestion.

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T E N of the foregoing C A S E S.

“ I. **S**INCE I have taken Mrs. *Stephens's* Me-
 “ dicines, my Urine has been of a more
 “ urinous Smell than usual; turbid at the
 “ Time of making, and *alkaline*, that is, it turns Sy-
 “ rup of Violets green, and ferments with the follow-
 “ ing acid Liquors, Oil of Vitriol, Spirit of Vitriol,
 “ Oil of Sulphur, Spirit of Nitre, Spirit of Sea-Salt,
 “ Vinegar, and Lemon-Juice. And as far as I
 “ can judge, the Case is the same with all who take
 “ these Medicines. This I thought very remark-
 “ able when I first observed it, and began to hope,
 “ that Urine, which was so different from common
 “ Urine, might have different Effects upon Stones
 “ in the Kidneys and Bladder. And I have lately
 “ been informed, that even common Urine, when
 “ it putrifies, that is, turns *alkaline* by being kept,
 “ will dissolve and take up the calculous Incrustati-
 “ ons, upon the Sides and Bottoms of Chamber-
 “ pots.

“ II. In order to satisfy myself the better in this
 “ Affair, I thought it not amiss to try what Effects

“ my Urine, thus rendered *alkaline* by the Medi-
 “ cines, would have upon Stones taken from a human
 “ Body, by digesting them in it with gentle Heat.
 “ For this Purpose I took the Stones A and B, and
 “ sawed each of them into Four Pieces, nearly of the
 “ same Shape and Size. A, was a white hard Stone
 “ of an uniform Substance throughout. It consist-
 “ ed of Coats indeed, but these were all, as far as
 “ one could judge, perfectly alike. B, was a brown
 “ Stone; its Shell was hard and knotted, but the
 “ internal Parts were much softer. I called the se-
 “ veral Pieces A 1, B 1; A 2, B 2; A 3, B 3;
 “ A 4, B 4; in order to denote thereby the several
 “ Liquors in which each was digested; 1 stand-
 “ ing for *New-River* Water; 2, for a Mixture of
 “ Mrs. *Stephens's* Powder and *New-River* Water; 3,
 “ for common Urine; and 4, for my own *alkaline*
 “ Urine. I then digested all these Pieces of Stone
 “ for a Week in their respective Liquors, with a
 “ gentle Heat. This Heat was intended to have
 “ been the same as that of Urine in the Bladder;
 “ but my Contrivances not being good, it was at
 “ different Times, both considerably greater, and
 “ considerably less. I examined them pretty often,
 “ and recruited the Liquors as they wasted, with
 “ others of the same Kind. Two or three Days
 “ after they were put into Digestion, I observed
 “ that A 4 had some white Scales lying upon its
 “ Surface in several Parts, which fell off upon being
 “ press'd with my Nail. After a Week's Digesti-
 “ on, I took them out, and rubbed them all with
 “ a Cloth. They were then laid in a Window till
 “ they became perfectly dry. And the following
 “ Table shews the Effects which the several Li-
 “ quors had upon them.

		Weights. when put in.	Weights when dry.	Loss.	Proporti- onal Loss.
A	1 Grains	308½	304½	4	0,012.
A	2	276	273	3	0,010.
A	3	219½	220½	Gain 1	0,004.
A	4	213½	191	22½	0,105.
B	1	257	243	14	0,054.
B	2	227	217	10	0,044.
B	3	222	223½	Gain 1½	0,006.
B	4	212½	190	22½	0,105.

“ III. By this Table it appears, that the Pieces
 “ A 4, B 4 in my *alkaline* Urine, had lost more
 “ than any of the others; A 1, B 1, in *New-River*
 “ Water, more than A 2, B 2 in the Mixture of
 “ Mrs. *Stephens's* Powder and *New-River* Water;
 “ and that A 3, B 3 in common Urine had receiv-
 “ ed a small Addition. That my *alkaline* Urine
 “ should occasion the greatest Loss, is a Presump-
 “ tion in favour of Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines; that
 “ the *New-River* Water should have a greater Ef-
 “ fect, than the Mixture of Mrs. *Stephens's* Powder
 “ and *New-River* Water, was owing, I believe, to
 “ the Powder's adhering closely to the Stones in fe-
 “ veral Parts; which both kept the Water from
 “ coming freely in Contact with the Stones, and
 “ also added to their Weight; and the Increase of
 “ Weight in A 3, B 3, is an Appearance of the
 “ same Kind with the Growth of Stones in the
 “ Body. And upon examining A 3 accurately, I
 “ perceived that it had got an exceeding thin Coat
 “ in several Parts, which separated easily, and
 “ which I supposed to be an Accretion from the
 “ stony Particles of the common Urine, in which it
 “ had been digested.

“ IV. After

“ IV. After this I washed the several Pieces of
 “ the Stone A, and rubbed them well with a Brush
 “ so as to take off all loose Parts; I took out the
 “ soft internal Parts of the Pieces of B, reserving
 “ proper Portions of each of the hard Shells; I
 “ sawed the Stones C, D, and E, into four Pieces
 “ each, of nearly the same Shape and Size, and F
 “ into Two; I took two Pieces of the white Shell
 “ G, two of the brown Nucleus H, and gave them
 “ all Names as in the following Table, in which 1,
 “ denotes *New-River* Water, as before; 2, Mrs.
 “ *Stephens's* Liquid; 3, common Urine, as before;
 “ and 4, my own *alkaline* Urine, as before. These
 “ Pieces were digested for a Week, in the Manner
 “ above-mentioned, excepting that the Liquors were
 “ now changed every Morning, and all the Pieces
 “ rubbed at the same Time with a wet Sponge.
 “ They were rubbed also when taken out as clean
 “ as could be without Violence, and then laid in a
 “ Window till they were perfectly dry. And the
 “ following Table shows the Effects which the seve-
 “ ral Liquors had upon them.

A 1 Grains

		Weights when put in.		Weights when dry.		Loss.		Proporti- onal Loss.	
A	1	Grains	304	—	288	—	16	—	0,052.
A	2	————	272 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	228	—	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	0,163.
A	3	————	219	—	216 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	0,011.
A	4	————	190 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	151 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	39	—	0,204.
B	1	————	71 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	10	—	0,139.
B	2	————	68 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	50	—	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	0,270.
B	3	————	63 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	62	—	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	0,023.
B	4	————	63	—	45	—	18	—	0,285.
C	1	————	162 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	150 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	12	—	0,073.
C	2	————	155	—	132	—	23	—	0,148.
C	3	————	132	—	130 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	0,011.
C	4	————	122	—	109	—	13	—	0,106.
D	1	————	47	—	36	—	11	—	0,234.
D	2	————	42 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	6	—	0,141.
D	3	————	42	—	42	—		—	
D	4	————	29	—	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	0,054.
E	1	————	50	—	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	0,110.
E	2	————	36	—	27	—	9	—	0,250.
E	3	————	36	—	36	—		—	
E	4	————	32 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	6	—	0,184.
F	3	————	30	—	30	—		—	
F	4	————	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	5	—	0,212.
G	3	————	9	—	9	—		—	
G	4	————	6	—	6	—		—	
H	3	————	3	—	3	—		—	
H	4	————	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	—		—	and a little more.

“ V. By this Table it appears, that the Stones
 “ had lost much more in general by this Week's
 Digestion

“ Digestion, than by the former; which without
 “ doubt was owing in great Measure to my having
 “ rubbed them every Morning with a wet Sponge;
 “ and it was also upon this account, I suppose, that
 “ some of the Pieces in common Urine had lost a
 “ little. However, the great Difference of Loss in
 “ the several Pieces of the same Stone could not
 “ arise from this Cause: and the rubbing them
 “ gave me an Opportunity of observing the Man-
 “ ner in which the several Liquors acted upon the
 “ Stones. This was in general, giving a White-
 “ ness to the Surface of the Stones, which, when it
 “ was rubbed off, left the Stone of its former Co-
 “ lour; but in those which were most affected, soft
 “ white Scales fell off upon being rubbed, and
 “ some of them were corroded, and honey-combed.
 “ Thus the Pieces in *New-River* Water had a
 “ Whiteness upon their Surface, and the Water
 “ itself became milky; A 2, A 4, C 2, C 4, F 4,
 “ and H 4, had all lost white Scales; B 2, E 2
 “ and E 4 were all pretty much corroded; D 2
 “ a little corroded; B 4 was corroded within, and
 “ at the same Time its knotted external Surface
 “ rendered smooth; D 4 had its brown Surface
 “ turned white, but G 4 seemed not to have been
 “ affected at all.

“ VI. In order to satisfy myself still farther,
 “ I took all the foregoing Stones, H 3 and H 4
 “ excepted, which were lost by Reason of their
 “ smallness; and digested them again in their re-
 “ spective Liquors, having now got a Conrivance,
 “ by which they were kept in a Heat, not differing
 “ materially from that of Urine in the Bladder. I
 “ got also two small round Stones from the Reverend
 “ Dr. Hales, which were both taken out of the Blad-
 “ der of the same Person, and which the Doctor
 “ judged to be very hard ones, and called them
 “ I 3 and I 4. I 3 weighed Twenty-five Grains
 and

“ and an half, and was put into common Urine;
 “ I 4 weighed Twenty-one Grains and a half,
 “ and was put into my own *alkaline* Urine. I be-
 “ gan the Digestion *July* 26. The Liquors were
 “ changed every Day during the whole Digestion,
 “ and the Stones all rubbed with a wet Sponge
 “ every Day for the first ten Days; then once in
 “ three or four Days till *Sept.* 3, but after that not
 “ at all. And the following Table shews the Day
 “ on which each Stone was either so far wasted as
 “ not to be found, or reduced to such a Size, as to
 “ be in Danger of being confounded with the
 “ small Pieces, which fell from the rest.

E 2	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Aug.</i> 24.
D 1	-	-	-	-	-	27.
B 2	-	-	-	-	-	30.
D 2	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Sept.</i> 8.
B 1	-	-	-	-	-	9.
B 4	-	-	-	-	-	9.
D 4	-	-	-	-	-	12.
F 4	-	-	-	-	-	24.
G 4	-	-	-	-	-	24.
C 2	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Sept.</i> 27.
E 4	-	-	-	-	-	27.
I 4	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Oct.</i> 11.
C 1	-	-	-	-	-	15.
E 1	-	-	-	-	-	15.
A 2	-	-	-	-	-	15.
A 1	-	-	-	-	-	31.
A 4	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Nov.</i> 5.

“ I omitted to set down the Day, on which C 4
 “ was judged to be wasted; but I remember, that
 “ it was not till towards the latter End of the Di-
 “ gestion.

“ VII. All this Time the several Pieces in com-
 “ mon Urine continued entire, and even had In-

“ crustations upon them. I took them out *Nov.*
 “ 5, and having weighed them *Nov.* 15, when
 “ they were perfectly dry, found that they had all
 “ received an Increase of Weight, as in the follow-
 “ ing Table :

						Grains.
A	3		had	gained		17½.
B	3	-	-	-	-	16.
C	3	-	-	-	-	18.
D	3	-	-	-	-	7½.
E	3	-	-	-	-	4.
F	3	-	-	-	-	4.
G	3	-	-	-	-	2.
I	3	-	-	-	-	2.

“ VIII. The Manner in which the other Pieces
 “ wasted, was in general the same as that which is
 “ described above in the 6th Paragraph, excepting
 “ that those in *New-River* Water became after some
 “ Time as much honey-combed as the rest, and
 “ wasted as fast ; that D 4 and G 4 remained un-
 “ altered to Appearance for a long Time, and then
 “ grew quite rotten in a few Days ; and that I 4,
 “ the small hard Stone given me by *Dr. Hales*, had
 “ several Cracks in it, after about a Month’s Di-
 “ gestion,

“ IX. Besides these I made several other Experi-
 “ ments, the Result of which it may not be im-
 “ proper just to mention.

“ X. I digested different Pieces of the same
 “ Stones in my own *alkaline* Urine, with different
 “ Heats ; the one, that of Urine in the Bladder,
 “ the other so great, that I could not bear my
 “ Hand at rest in it ; and I found, that the less Heat
 “ had the greater Effect.

“ XI. I boil’d different Pieces of the same Stones
 “ in common Water, my own *alkaline* Urine, and
 “ common Urine, for five Hours each, Those in
 “ Water

“ Water and my Urine wasted considerably, and
 “ the Surface of the last was turned white and soft;
 “ but those in common Urine had little Effect pro-
 “ duced upon them.

“ XII. I digested different Pieces of the same
 “ Stones in common Water, the distilled Water of
 “ Water-Pepper, the Juice and the Decoction of it;
 “ and found that common Water had a greater
 “ Effect than any of these. The Heat in this and
 “ all the following Experiments did not differ ma-
 “ terially from that of Urine in the Bladder.

“ XIII. I digested Pieces of Stones taken from
 “ the human Bladder, from the Bladders of Dogs,
 “ and the Stomachs of Horses, in *Thames* Water, and
 “ in Pump Water, and found, that both the Waters
 “ dissolved all the human Stones intirely, and wasted
 “ the others very much; but the *Thames* Water
 “ had the quickest Effect. The Waters were chang-
 “ ed every Morning, at which Time I observed,
 “ that the Pump-Water poured on the Day be-
 “ fore, had always some Bubbles upon it. Some
 “ of the human Stones were cracked during the
 “ Diffolution.

“ XIV. I digested Pieces of the same Dogs and
 “ Horses Stones in common Urine, and my own
 “ *alkaline* Urine; but did not observe any Effect,
 “ except that one of the Dog's Stones seemed a
 “ little softened by my Urine.

“ XV. I digested a large Kidney-stone, two
 “ Pieces that had been boiled in my *alkaline* Urine,
 “ and a round hard Stone in common Urine, which
 “ was a Mixture of different Urines. The Kidney-
 “ stone and the two Pieces lost something of their
 “ Weight. The round hard Stone grew black at
 “ first, but whether it was wasted or not, I cannot
 “ determine from its Appearance, and I had not
 “ weighed it. The Surface of the Kidney-stone
 “ was rendered so brittle, that large Scales broke off

“ with very little Force, but they were neither
 “ white nor soft.

“ XVI. I digested a large Kidney-stone of the
 “ same Shape, Size and Texture, with the forego-
 “ ing, and taken out of the other Kidney of the
 “ same Person, with twelve different Stones, or
 “ Pieces of Stones, in the *alkaline* Urine of a Gen-
 “ tleman, who took Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines.
 “ They all wasted very fast, excepting one Piece,
 “ which received a small Addition. It was Iron-
 “ coloured, and exceedingly hard, as I found by
 “ sawing it. It appeared to me, that this Gentle-
 “ man's Urine had in general a quicker Effect than
 “, my own. The Stones mentioned in this, the 10th,
 “ 13th, 14th and 15th Paragraphs, were none of
 “ them rubbed.

I will

I will now make some CONCLUSIONS from
the W H O L E.

First CONCLUSION.

MR S. STEPHENS'S *Medicines must in general
be Innocent and Safe.*

For though so large a Number have taken them,
in such Quantities, and for such Lengths of Time,
yet very few seem to have received any Injury from
them; which is as much as can be said of any
efficacious Medicine.

Second CONCLUSION.

*These Medicines have done great Service in the
Stone and Gravel.*

This is abundantly manifest from the foregoing
Cases; and one may venture to say, that no *such*
Cases were ever produced before. Where the
Persons are Aged or Infirm, or have Stones in
the Kidneys, little Relief is to be had from the
common Methods. The chief Dependance is upon
Opiates, which yet are attended with many Incon-
veniencies, and often prove ineffectual to remove
the Pains, or prevent a lingering miserable Death.
And even where the Patient has a Stone in his
Bladder, and is healthy in other Respects, still the
Medicines are certainly preferable to Cutting on
many Accounts. Besides, if these Medicines were
under the Direction of Physicians, and the Patients
themselves constant in taking, and regular in other
Particulars, there is no Doubt but more Good
would be done thereby. Though *Mrs. Stephens*
may be extremely Careful, and very well acquaint-
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ed both with the Uses of her own Medicines, and the common Symptoms of the Stone; yet she cannot be expected to have any Knowledge in the other Branches of Physic; which yet is often necessary in this Distemper. And as it has not been proper for me to publish the several Neglects, Irregularities and Infirmities of particular Persons, great Allowances ought to be made, both to Mrs. *Stephens*, and to her Medicines, on those Accounts. However as it is, the foregoing Cases plainly shew, that the Medicines have done great Service in the Stone and Gravel, and thereby determine the first Enquiry in their Favour.

Third CONCLUSION.

These Medicines do not make the Flakes and Fragments voided by those that take them.

That they *do*, has been objected by many, so that it is necessary for me to be particular in answering this Objection. And,

I. It appears by the foregoing EXPERIMENTS, that the medicated alkaline Urine has no such incrusting concreting Power, as this Objection supposes, but the contrary.

II. The medicated Urine is volatile, putrescent and alkaline; which Qualities are opposite to the Notion of an incrusting concreting Power, as they are Evidences of an intimate attenuation of the Particles, and of a Disposition to recede from each other.

III. Mrs. *Stephens's* Powders taken separately are diuretic, and Cure the Gravel; so that *they* cannot be stone-generators.

IV. Soap, which seems to be the other Part of the Medicines, is given by the best Physicians in the Gravel, and therefore neither can *that* be a stone-

stone-generater. One may add, that an *ordinary* stone-generater could hardly retain its Efficacy, when joined to so large a Quantity of Soap as the Medicines contain; and that the *Whole* of them is diuretic as well as the *Parts*.

V. Mrs. *Stephens's* Patients void entire Stones very frequently; which it is not likely that a stone-generating Urine would permit; unless we suppose that it makes these too, as well as the Flakes and Fragments.

VI. It is difficult to conceive how such various sorts of Flakes and Fragments, so exactly resembling the broken Pieces of Stones of several Kinds, should be voided not only by different Persons, but even by the same Person, under the Use of stone-generating Medicines. One may easily imagine that the same Person, using sometimes one Diet, sometimes another, should have Stones or Coats of Stones of different Natures formed within him, (which differences are found upon examining Stones), and that these when they are dissolved, should come away in Pieces of different Shapes, Colours and Hardnesses; but that so powerful a stone-generater, as these Medicines must be, if they make the Flakes and Fragments mentioned in the foregoing Cases, should in the same Person and under the same Circumstances produce so great a Variety, is not to be conceived. One might say, that nothing less than a stone-dissolving Urine can Account for this.

VII. If the Medicines made the Flakes and Fragments, these would continue to come away as long as the Medicines were taken; but the contrary to this appears from the Cases.

VIII. The Form of many of the Flakes shews, that they must have been separated from the Surface of a Stone; and yet they have come away so soon after the first Use of the Medicines, in some Cases, that

that there could not well be Time sufficient for their previous Incrustation.

IX. The previous Incrustation and subsequent Separation, are of a Nature so contrary to each other; that one does not know how to reconcile them; and especially where the Flakes are voided from Day to Day, for a long Time together. I appeal to the Cases themselves.

X. It is not to be imagined, that any Number of Persons should either become free from their uneasy Sensations, Pains and other Complaints, in the Use of diuretic irritating Medicines, or continue so when they return to their wonted Exercises, Occupations and Ways of Living, if they had, not only all their original Stone within them, but even more from the stone-generating Urine.

Fourth CONCLUSION.

The Cases of those that take these Medicines, cannot be accounted for from Accident.

For this I appeal to the HISTORY of the Distemper; by which it will appear, that there are no accidental Instances where Persons first void *white rotten* Scales and Fragments, in the Quantity, Manner and Variety, mentioned in the Cases, then entire Stones, or large solid Pieces; and lastly grow free from their Complaints. Or, allowing this did happen, once in a thousand Times, still it would not Account for the *large* Number of extraordinary Cases of that Kind here published. If a single Instance has a Thousand to One against it, a considerable Number has many Millions of Millions, &c. as is well known. It is common indeed for calculous Persons to void Gravel-stones, or entire ones of a harder Kind, and sometimes Scales and Fragments come away, as may be seen in the foregoing Accounts: But then, these Scales and Fragments
are

are never *white and soft*, as in Mrs. Stephens's Patients; and are seldom followed by an entire Stone, or Relief from the Complaints. Besides, it is reasonable to think, that even in these Instances, there has been some previous alteration in the Diet, or some Medicines taken, whereby the natural Urine has acquired a small Degree of a dissolving Power; so that these Discharges of Flakes and Fragments cannot be ascribed to meer Accident. But there is no Occasion to pursue this Matter further. No Body can have seen what Mr. Thomas, Mr. Binford, &c. have brought off, or believe the Accounts here related, without perceiving immediately, that the medicated Urine must either make or destroy Stone, in a very extraordinary Manner. And accordingly, I find that the Flakes and Fragments, voided by Mrs. Stephens's Patients, are more generally ascribed to a stone-generating Power than to Accident.

Fifth CONCLUSION.

The Urine of those that take these Medicines, has a stone-dissolving Power.

For it has not a stone-generating one by the third Conclusion, and yet by the fourth it brings off Flakes and Fragments, in a Manner not to be accounted for from Accident: There is therefore nothing left but a stone-dissolving Power, to which these Effects *can be* ascribed.

But the stone-dissolving Power of the medicated Urine, admits also of a *direct* Proof, if the same Facts which conclude against the stone-generating one and Accident, be considered a little differently. And indeed I have spent so much Time upon these two Suppositions, meerly out of Regard to the Opinions of others, neither of them appearing to me to have the least Evidence or Probability. I

will endeavour therefore, in what follows, to place this Affair in a more natural Light. And,

I. It appears from the Experiments of *Monf. Littre*, in the Memoirs of the Royal Academy, for the Year 1720, from those of *Dr. Hales*, in his *Hæmastatics*, and from what I have here published, that common Water of several Sorts, is able to dissolve a Variety of Stones taken from the Human Body. This shews, that an acrimonious Menstruum is not *necessary* for that Purpose; and that even the meer aqueousness of Urine may perhaps have a dissolving Efficacy, if its concreting, incrusting Quality could be first destroyed.

II. The putrid Smell and alkaline Quality of the Urine of those that take *Mrs. Stephens's* Medicines, make it probable, that this concreting, incrusting Quality is actually destroyed in it; and favour its dissolving Power. For Putrefaction is one kind of Dissolution, and is very apt to propagate itself in contiguous Bodies; and alkaline Salts are powerful Solvents. Since also Wine in becoming Vinegar takes up its own Tartar, and the Mineral Water in putrefying take up their own hard Incrustations or Tartars, as *Dr. Hales* has assured me; it seems probable from Analogy, that putrid Urine should also dissolve its Tartar, that is, the Gravel and Stones generated by it; and there have been several Experiments made upon putrid *natural* Urine which confirm this. So that it seems not at all improbable, that Medicines which render the Urine putrescent and alkaline, while in the Body, should first destroy its concreting incrusting Quality, and then convert it into a solvent for the Stones in the Kidneys and Bladder, so as either to make them come away in rotten Flakes and Fragments, or moulder and waste by Degrees.

III. It

III. It appears from the foregoing Experiments, that my own medicated alkaline Urine did in Fact dissolve several Stones, under Circumstances not materially different from those of Stones in the Body; and at the same Time, that common natural Urine increased corresponding Pieces of the same Stones under the same Circumstances; agreeably to what *it* does in the Body: Nor was the rubbing them with a wet Sponge the total Cause of their Wasting. For they continued to waste after I had left that off; and the Stones in common Urine, which were rubbed exactly at the same Times and in the same Manner, had Incrustations upon them, and grew larger. Besides, the alkaline Urine of another Person dissolved Stones which were never rubbed at all; and which had therefore a manifest *Disadvantage* in Respect of Stones in the Bladder, since these must undergo some Friction from the Motions of the Body and Parts adjacent. From all which it follows, that the medicated Urine has in Fact a dissolving Power.

IV. The same Power appears also from what is voided during the Use of the Medicines. The Reader may here call to Mind the various Phrases and Resemblances, which have occurred to different Persons in describing their Cases, and which yet have a remarkable Uniformity and Consistency with each other; so as to agree in being Marks and Evidences of a dissolving Power. The Substances voided are Grit, Gravel, Sand, Chips, Flakes, Scales, Shells, Crumbs, Bits, Fragments, large solid Pieces, and entire Stones; and these last have in some Cases been covered with Parts like to those which were voided just before. The Shapes and Sizes have all imaginable Varieties: The Colours are white for the most Part, but sometimes grey, yellow, brown and black; and though the Pieces are in general soft and rotten, like *scrapings of Chalk,*
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slaked

Slaked Lime, rotten Wall, &c. yet several come away hard, as being of a harder Nature originally, or less acted upon by the Urine. Some Pieces have also been hard in one Part, soft in another, white on the Convex outside, and brown on the Concave inside, and a few were Honey-combed. Which Particulars, if they be compared with one another, as also with the Whiteness and Softness of the Scales and outer Surfaces of the Stones dissolved in the Experiments, and with their being corroded and Honey-combed, may surely satisfy any one of the dissolving Power of the medicated Urine.

And though the white Sediment would of itself be little or no Evidence, yet it agrees very well with the other Evidences, and favours them in some Degree. For it is sometimes hard and stony, and the most Spongy may contain some small Proportion of stony Particles ground very fine; so that no Objection can be brought against the dissolving Power, from those Persons who void no Scales or Fragments, but only the white Sediment; since it may be the Nature of some Stones to come away only in an impalpable Form; and there seem to be several Instances of this in the Cases. It seems also that the constituent Parts of the red Gravel and Gravel-stones, voided so constantly by many Persons, are attenuated by the medicated Urine, rendered incapable of running into Concretions, and brought off with the white Sediment, since the same Persons cease to void these, during the Use of the Medicines.

What the Whole of this white Sediment, so common in *Mrs. Stephens's* Patients is, I cannot say, for want of more accurate and decisive Observations. But I will freely give the Reader my best Conjectures concerning it. That it is not all Stone, is most certain; the Quantity is far too great; and it is in many Cases light, spongy, alkaline and saponaceous.

naceous. I judge therefore, that it consists partly of the alkaline Salt of the Medicines, with a small Portion of their Oil, partly of the Mucus of the urinary Passages, partly of the Tartar of the Urine, and partly of actual Stone putrefied, all in different Proportions according to the Varieties of Cases. And I think there can be no doubt made, but that Medicines which cause such Quantities of Stone to come off in rotten Flakes and Fragments, must bring away *some* in an impalpable Form, along with the white Sediment. Since also it is most likely that the hardest Stones are formed by the Attractions and Cohesions of the smallest Particles, it follows by Parity of Reason, that these will rather waste insensibly, than be discharged in Flakes and Fragments, and that they require the longest Time, both for their Growth and Dissolution. However, it is reasonable to think that the medicated Urine will consume them at last: And whoever voids the least Bit of hard Matter during the Use of the Medicines, may be assured that it is the Fragment of a Stone, since the medicated Urine does most effectually prevent all new Concretions.

V. The Examinations of Mr. *Binford*, and the Appearances of Mr. *Thomas's* Stone, are strong Presumptions of a dissolving Power. As to Examinations by the Catheter, a small Number is not much to be depended upon, since it appears by Mr. *Ravenell's* Case, that Mr. *Chefelden* missed a Stone three Times successively. But then his finding it the fourth Time will not prove against the dissolving Power, because it might have been bigger, or Mr. *Ravenell* have had more than one.

VI. The Relief found by many Persons, during the Use of Medicines which are irritating, argues that the Surfaces of the Stones were softened; and the entire removal of their Complaints at last could hardly have happened, unless the Stones were quite consumed

consumed or much wasted in such Cases. Nor does the continuance of the Complaints for a long Time, notwithstanding the Use of the Medicines, or a return after they have been left off, prove against their dissolving Power. Some Stones may waste without being rendered much softer; the urinary Passages may be particularly tender, or the medicated Urine particularly acrimonious; and those who leave off taking, may do it before all is come away, or may have a new Stone generated soon after, &c. Besides, one cannot but see that the several Neglects and Irregularities which happen in all Cases of this Kind, must often prevent the good Effects of the Medicines. It is not at all new or wonderful, that the best Remedies fail in many Cases, on various Accounts; but there is hardly a Possibility that diuretic irritating Medicines should do Service in the Stone, unless they had a dissolving Power. And thus the first Enquiry affords Light in the second, and both are determined in Favour of the Medicines.

PROPOSALS

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FOR MAKING

Mrs. STEPHENS'S *MEDICINES* Public.

“ I. **I**T is proposed, That the Sum of five thousand
 “ Pound be raised by Contribution; that such
 “ Persons as are willing to encourage the Design
 “ pay their own Contributions with those of their
 “ Friends and Acquaintance into the Hands of Sir
 “ *Francis Child* Banker at *Temple-Bar*, or Mr.
 “ *Drummond* Banker at *Charing-Cross*, and that Sir
 “ *Francis Child* and Mr. *Drummond* vest every thou-
 “ sand Pound, as it arises, in *South Sea Annuities*, in
 “ the Names of his Grace Dr. *John Potter*, Lord
 “ Archbishop of *Canterbury*; the Right Honourable
 “ the Earl of *Godolphin*, Lord Privy Seal; his
 “ Grace the Duke of *Richmond* and *Lenox*; his
 “ Grace the Duke of *Montague*; the Right Ho-
 “ nourable the Earl of *Pembroke*; the Right Ho-
 “ nourable the Earl of *Scarborough*; the Right Ho-
 “ nourable the Lord Viscount *Lonsdale*; the Right
 “ Reverend Dr. *Martin Benson*, Lord Bishop of
 “ *Gloucester*; the Right Reverend Dr. *Thomas Secker*,
 “ Lord Bishop of *Oxford*; the Right Honourable
 “ the Lord *Baltimore*; the Right Honourable *Ar-*
 “ *thur Onslow*, Esq; Speaker of the House of Com-
 “ mons; the Right Honourable *Stephen Poyntz*,
 “ Esq; The Honourable *Thomas Townshend*, Esq;
 “ Dr. *Shaw*, and Dr. *Hartley*, as Trustees and
 “ Judges between the Publick and Mrs. *Stephens*.

“ II. T H A T as soon as five thousand Pounds
 “ are thus raised, Mrs. *Stephens* shall discover her
 “ Medicines; and that they shall be made public.

“ III. T H A T Mrs. *Stephens* shall receive the
 “ Interest of this Sum, till such Time as sufficient
 “ Trials have been made of the Medicines to be
 “ discovered by her; and that she shall receive the
 “ Principal, if it appears to the above-mentioned
 “ Trustees, or a Majority of them, that these Me-
 “ dicines are able to dissolve Stones in the Bladder;
 “ but if this does not appear, the Principal shall be
 “ returned to the Contributors.

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Mrs. STEPHENS'S *MEDICINES* Public.

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APRIL 11th, 1738, to FEBRUARY 24, 1738-9.

	l.	s.	d.
B ISHOP of Oxford	10	10	0
Bishop of Gloucester	10	10	0
Rev. Dr. Hales	1	1	0
Earl of Pembroke	50	0	0
Countess of Deloraine	5	5	0
Lady Betty Jermaine	21	0	0
Lady Vere Beauclerc	10	10	0
Mrs. Le Neve	2	2	0
Earl of Godolphin	100	0	0
Stephen Poyntz, Esq;	50	0	0
Rev. Dr. Butler, now Bishop of <i>Bristol</i>	5	5	0
Mr. Houghton	1	1	0
George Lloyd, Esq;	12	0	0
Thomas Townshend, Esq;	10	10	0
Capt. Kellet	5	5	0
Col. West	1	1	0
Mrs. Killigrew	1	1	0
Rev. Dr. Gilbert	3	3	0

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Richard Arundle, Esq;	25	0	0
Mr. Hodson	1	16	0
Mr. Clutton	1	1	0
Mrs. Herbert	5	5	0
Lady Margaret Herbert	1	1	0
Dutchess of Gordon	5	5	0
Mrs. Townshend	1	1	0
Mr. Benjamin Timbrel	1	1	0
William Wardour, Esq;	1	1	0
Col. Charles Howard	1	1	0
Col. Fuller	1	1	0
Col. Lowther	1	1	0
Brigadier Armstrong	1	1	0
Col. Pulteney	2	2	0
Col. Wardour	1	1	0
Col. Earle	1	1	0
Mr. Bacon	1	1	0
Capt. Forth	1	1	0
Major Elliot	1	1	0
Capt. Mathews	2	2	0
Col. Oglethorp	1	1	0
Capt. Noel	1	1	0
Lord Robert Manners	1	1	0
Mr. Hyde	1	1	0
Capt. Francis Townshend	1	1	0
Capt. Hodges	1	1	0
Capt. Corbet	1	1	0
Mr. John White	2	2	0
Edward Weston, Esq;	5	5	0
Lord Viscount Lonsdale	52	10	0
Duke of Rutland	50	0	0
Charles-Hanbury Williams, Esq;	5	5	0
Mrs. Whetham	5	5	0
Earl of Scarborough	50	0	0
Unknown Hand	21	0	0
Robert Herbert, Esq;	10	0	0
Mrs. Crayle	20	0	0

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Rev. Mr. Thomas Pocock	1	1	0
Bishop of Bath and Wells	21	0	0
Mr. Usborne	1	1	0
Unknown Hand	1	1	0
Mr. Le Neve	1	1	0
Thomas Winnington, Esq;	5	5	0
John Dives, Esq;	5	5	0
John Milner, Esq;	5	5	0
Anthony Lowther, Esq;	20	0	0
Richard Cokefey, Esq;	1	1	0
Mrs. Sabine	1	1	0
Rev. Mr. Woodford	0	10	6
Spencer Cowper, Esq;	1	1	0
Mr. Sabine	0	5	0
Mrs. Pendarves	1	1	0
Rev. Mr. Richard Eyre	1	1	0
Joseph Burroughs, Esq;	1	1	0
Brigadier Guest	10	10	0
Robert Taylor, M. D.	1	1	0
William Vaughan, Esq;	1	1	0
Dr. White	1	1	0
Mrs. Barbour	0	5	0
Miss Egerton	0	5	0
Lady Grey	3	3	0
Rev. Mr. Walton	1	1	0
Bishop of Salisbury	25	0	0
Sir James Lowther, Bart.	25	0	0
Mr. Samuel Collet	1	1	0
Thomas Robinon, Esq;	5	5	0
Lady Cornwallis	10	10	0
William Wollaston, Esq;	20	0	0
Lord Cadogan	2	2	0
Mrs. Anne Baker	1	1	0
Mr. Samuel Dunn	0	10	6
Mrs. Pitt	1	1	0
Mrs. Annabella Newman	0	10	6
Lady Anne Colleton	1	1	0

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Lady Sarah Cowper	5	5	0
Unknown Hands	2	12	6
Mrs. De la Bene	1	1	0
Mrs. Diana Smith	0	5	0
C. G.	0	10	6
Mr. John Kelley	5	5	0
Mrs. Greenville	10	10	0
Ralph Allen, Esq;	21	0	0
William Fauquier, Esq;	2	2	0
Charles Longueville, Esq;	10	10	0
Mrs. Hartcliff	1	1	0
Mrs. More	1	1	0
Mrs. Cannon	0	10	6
Mrs. Selwin	5	5	0
Edward Conyers, Esq;	10	10	0
Dixie Windfor, Esq;	10	10	0
Peter Shaw, M. D.	5	5	0
David Hartley, M. A.	5	5	0
Lord Cornwallis	20	0	0
John Merril, Esq;	5	5	0
Mr. Robert Raikes	1	1	0
Col. John Selwin	5	5	0
Mr. John Cay	2	2	0
Dutchess of Portland	21	0	0
Earl of Clarendon	25	0	0
Mrs. Archer	26	5	0
Duke of Leeds	21	0	0
C. D.	10	10	0
Lord Lymington	5	5	0
Hon. Mrs. Jane Lowther	2	2	0
Lord Galloway	30	0	0
Ditto for several	19	19	0
Dr. Birch, <i>Chancellor of Worcester</i>	5	5	0
Unknown Hand	0	5	0
Mess. Snow and Paltock	10	10	0
Sir William Wynne	1	1	0
Joseph-Windham Ash, Esq;	1	1	0

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Mrs. Ashe	1	1	0
John Windham, Esq;	1	1	0
Mrs. Windham	1	1	0
Robert Andrews, Esq;	1	1	0
Mr. Graves	1	1	0
Edward Hooper, Esq;	2	2	0
Mr. Manning	2	2	0
Rev. Dr. Leigh	1	1	0
Rev. Mr. Serwen	0	10	6
Mr. John Crow, <i>Staymaker</i>	1	7	0
James Harris, Esq;	4	4	0
George Proctor, Esq;	10	10	0
John Norris, Esq;	5	5	0
Mr. Hickford	1	1	0
General Churchill	10	10	0
Mr. John Trott	2	2	0
Col. Read	1	1	0
Countess of Huntington	10	10	0
Mr. Mahoon	0	10	6
Col. Ferrers	1	1	0
John Pedley, Esq;	5	5	0
Rev. Dr. Alured Clarke	5	5	0
Thomas Frederick, Esq;	21	0	0
Mrs. Laplace	2	2	0
Unknown Hand	3	3	0
Mr. Edward Bennett	1	1	0
Hon. Mrs. Frances Woodhouse	10	10	0
Rev. Dr. Nicholas Carter	1	1	0
Mrs. Mary Brown	1	1	0
William Sharp, Esq;	5	5	0
Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons	1	1	0
Sir Thomas Lowther, Bart.	5	5	0
Mr. James Sturgeon	1	1	0
M. A.	0	10	6
Capt. Mead	2	2	0
Sir Edward Smith, Bart.	10	10	0
Rev. Mr. Thomas Williams	1	1	0

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
James Falkener, Esq;	2	2	0
Duke of Richmond	30	0	0
Mr. Stark	2	2	0
Rev. Mr. Lister	0	10	6
Mr. Cave	2	2	0
Simon Patric, Esq;	5	5	0
James Burrow, Esq;	5	5	0
Isaac-Hawkins Brown, Esq;	2	2	0
Nicholas Harding, Esq;	5	5	0
Col. Hardinge, M. D.	5	5	0
Sir George Saville, Bart.	5	5	0
Mrs. Cary	1	1	0
Mr. Parks	0	10	6
Rev. Dr. Sykes	5	5	0
Unknown Hand	1	1	0
Unknown Hand	50	0	0
William Wright, Esq;	21	0	0
Rev. Mr. Swinton	0	10	6
Thomas Nettleton, M. D.	1	1	0
Mr. Hawkins, <i>Surgeon</i>	5	5	0
M. Monfey, M. D.	2	2	0
Mr. Maitland	2	2	0
Duke of Kent	21	0	0

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CXXXII.

Mr. J A M E S, Greenwich.

ABOUT the latter End of the Year 1734, I found upon Riding twenty or thirty Miles on a trotting Horse, that I was subject to void my Urine with some Blood in it, (or of a dark bloody Colour) upon which, and the Pains that followed, I was obliged to ride but very little on Horseback, and that very gently. I could bear no Coach upon the Stones without the same Disorder; and the Summer following could hardly reach to *Lambeth*, driving gently in a single Horse-chair, nor walk half a Mile without great Pain and Uneasiness. In this Time I was very apprehensive, I think I might say very sensible, that I had a Stone growing in my Bladder. In walking, especially if I made a larger Step than ordinary, I felt it hurt me; little at first, but towards the end of the Year 1735, and all the Year 1736, I had at Times much Pain from it. All this time I continued taking the best Medicines usually prescribed in such Cases, and with Temperance and Abstinence joined therewith did, I believe,

keep

keep the Stone from growing so fast, as it would otherwise have done.

Notwithstanding this, upon a little Walking or other Motion more than ordinary, my Pain would return, and hold me some Days, with great Heat and almost continual Need to make Water, which came away in very small Quantity at a Time, and with much Torment. When I voided my Urine more freely in the Intervals of the Fits, it would upon Riding Twenty-four Hours, produce such a Crust upon the Sides of the Chamber-pot, that it was difficult to be got off even by scowering with Sand. The Stone in this Time growing larger, became so uneasy to me, as not only to hurt me more and more upon Motion, but to Pain me when I fate down or stooped; and at last even in lying down in Bed, that I was forced oftentimes to lie with a small Pillow between my Knees.

In *March 1737*, I began to take *Mrs. Stephens's* Medicines, and continued them for about three Months, very regularly. For the first eight or ten Days they much increased my Pains, that is, I began to be in Pain about the third Day after taking, which increased to the sixth or seventh, and then gradually declined till the ninth or tenth; after which, in the whole Time of taking them, I felt no Pain at all, nor had I any in making Water, though after the first Month or six Weeks, I ventured to use more Exercise than I had done for many Months before.

I could never discover that I voided any Pieces or Fragments of Stone, but after a short Time my Water would frequently have a white Sediment like Flower at the Bottom of it, which making a Kind of Paste, would when gathered up and exposed to the Sun or warm Air, turn to a Kind of stony Substance. This was so impalpable as to give me no Pain in the voiding it, and in short I found so much

Ease

Ease from my former Complaints, and was so well as to be able to bear a Journey of thirty or forty Miles in a Chair, that I concluded all Danger was over, and the Liquid with the warmth of the Weather and bringing from *London* growing nauseous to me, I left off the Medicines contrary to Mrs. *Stephens's* Advice, who told me the Stone was not all come away. With taking now and then some Oil and Honey beaten together, Barley-Water with Gum Arabic and such Kind of Things, I kept pretty free from Pain for above Twelve-months, but was still apprehensive of the Stone, and upon taking a Journey in *August* last, about thirty Miles across the Country in a Chair, my former Symptoms returned, and I was in much Pain by Fits, for six or eight Days. At length I found a total Suppression or Stoppage of Urine, occasioned by a Stone which had plugged up the Passage at the Neck of the Bladder so entirely, that I could not make one Drop of Water for eighteen or twenty Hours, though stimulated thereto with great Pain every Quarter of an Hour. After violent straining and taking much Oil and Honey, with white Wine Whey and Mal-low Tea, sweetened with Honey, the Stone passed the Neck of the Bladder and stuck in the Urethra. This abated my Pains but little, being still unable to make a Drop of Water, but with frequent straining I forced the Stone through the Passage, that the small End of it was protruded about the eighth Part of an Inch beyond the *Glans Penis*. I had in this Time sent for an eminent Surgeon, Mr. *John Thorp*, of *Reading*, who coming to me early in the Morning, few Hours after the Stone had got so forward, did with his Forceps at the small End of it, and getting a Catheter somewhat hooked behind it, extract the Stone without Cutting. The Stone was in Shape like the Kernel of a Filberd, and as smooth, measuring in girt one Inch $\frac{1}{4}$ one way,

and one Inch $\frac{1}{8}$ the other. I had no Fever or other ill Symptom followed, but in less than a Month's Time, upon my return to *Greenwich*, viz. in the Beginning of *Sept.* last, did again begin to take *Mrs. Stephens's* Medicines, apprehending I had still another Stone. For the first eight or ten Days I had as much or rather more Pain, than when I began to take them in 1737, but that went off, and I have since taken them pretty constantly, without feeling any Pain in making Water, or at other Times. I have since the taking them, voided great Quantities of a Sort of soft Paste (which I find upon filtering my Water) generally white, but for the first Month or six Weeks, would after much stirring or walking, be sometimes reddish, which *Mrs. Stephens* attributed to the Stones fretting some of the Parts of the Bladder, so as to tinge the Sediment of a bloody Colour. I feel now no Pain or Stoppage in making Water, no Uneasiness in lying, sitting, or moving in a Chair over the Stones, so far as I have hitherto had Occasion to go. I comfort myself with the Hope of being able to ride on Horseback again, which I have not done for these three Years past; and as by making the Liquid Medicine at Home, great Part of the Nauseousness is taken off; I purpose, God willing, to continue the Use of the Medicines till the Dissolution is compleated, which by God's Blessing on them, and the Experience I have had of their Efficacy, I have no Reason to doubt of. I think proper to mention farther, that the Stone I voided, seemed by what remained on the Outside of it, to have had formerly some whitish Coat about it, or to have had the outer Shell of it turned white by the Medicines formerly taken, but then it cannot be supposed grown much in the Time I left off the Medicines, which was above a Year and a Quarter. I have also observed, that notwithstanding the Sediment of my Urine was subject to such a stony Adhe-

sion to the Sides of the Chamber-pot, as before-mentioned, when I did not take the Medicines; yet in the Time of taking them, there is nothing of that Kind, but the Urine itself will rather dissolve and loossen an Incrustation of that Kind, if by Accident it be found in the Vessel made Use of by others.

JOHN JAMES.

Feb. 22, 1738-9.

CXXXIII.

Mr. LEDIARD'S Son, Greenwich. *This and the two following Accounts were communicated to me, by Mr. James.*

MR. Lediard's Son, a Lad of about fourteen Years of Age, (after he had been searched, and a Stone was found to be in his Bladder) took Mrs. Stephens's Medicines, for about two or three Months; but his Stomach would not permit him to take them more than twice a Day, and I have Reason to think not that very regularly. However, he sometimes voided a white Sediment with his Urine, which when settled was like Flower or a thin Paste. The warm Weather coming on, and the Liquid being brought from *London*, it thickened to such a Degree, that the Boy could no longer take it, and about *May* 1737, wholly desisted from the Medicines, and grew worse and worse in his Pain, from that Time to about *September* last; when he was Cut for the Stone by Mr. Sharp, and a very large ragged Stone extracted from him, weighing about an Ounce and a half.

CXXXIV.

Mr. P Y M, Greenwich.

I Have seen Mr. *Pym*, who tells me he attempted taking the Medicines for a few Days; but as they rather increased than diminished the Pains he had felt, his Stomach also being very weak, and he of great Age, he left them off, without receiving any Benefit that he is sensible of.

CXXXV.

Capt. P I L K I N G T O N, Greenwich.

CAPTAIN *Pilkington* did take the Medicines at the Time I took them, in *March* 1737, and continued them two or three Months as I did; but not with much Regularity; for he would now and then discontinue them, when his Pains were great, or his Stomach weak. He told me whilst he was taking them, he now and then apprehended they did him good, but then in a short Time his Pains would return again, and make him of another Opinion.

CXXXVI.

Mr. S L O P E R, Charleton, *near* Gloucester.

I Was out of Order a considerable Time, but very bad for two or three Months, having a large Stone in my Back, and some small ones, and
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excessive Vomiting with it. I was almost worn out, but after using Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines about a Fortnight, I found myself better, and as I went on with it my Health increased. But I never voided any Stone or Piece of one, but observed my Water to be sometimes of a redish Colour. I cannot say I have no Remains of the Ail, but that which is gives but little Uneasiness, and does not at all disturb my Stomach, my Strength and Flesh being well returned.

Feb. 21, 1738-9.

S A M. S L O P E R.

CXXXVII.

Mr. L E V I, Lime-Street-Square.

HAS been troubled with a Pain in making Water from his Infancy, as also on any Motion. Was searched some Years since, when it was agreed he had a Stone in the Bladder. Took Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines for five Months, and found himself some little Matter easier during that Time; altho' nothing came from him. The Colour and Settlement of his Urine was just the same as before. Would have continued the Medicines, but his Stomach could not bear so large a Quantity.

CXXXVIII.

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Mr. CAREW, Waldingfield, *near* Sudbury,
Suffolk.

I Took the Liquor six Weeks, and after I had done I voided a large Stone which measured better than an Inch about, and as smooth as if it had been polished. But I have had divers Stones, and also very large ones, before I took the Medicines. I am now troubled with another that I cannot get rid of. The Stones are of the red sandy Kind, tho' very hard.

Feb. 14, 1738-9.

T CAREW.

CXXXIX.

JOHN HEAD, Esq; Hodcut, *near* Ilfley,
Berks.

I Have been troubled with the Stone and Gravel thirty Years, but for a Twelve-month before I took Mrs. Stephens's Medicines none came from me, which gave me great Uneasiness. I could neither ride in the Coach, nor on Horse-back, nor walk without great Pain and making bloody Water. I went to *London*, Nov. 1737, with Thoughts of being cut. I was searched by Mr. Cheselden, who assured me I had a Stone in my Bladder, tho' he believed not large, and told me I might safely be cut. But hearing several had received great Benefit from Mrs. Stephens I applied to her, and began her Medicines, Dec. 1737, which gave me great Pain

Pain Night and Day for ten or twelve Weeks ; but afterwards I grew easier, and could very soon bear riding in a Coach over the Stones without much Pain. Before I took the Medicines I voided large Pieces of Gravel, but what I have had come from me since has been smaller and in a softer State. I have a foul Water with a white Sediment. I am much better in every Respect since I took the Medicines, tho' not so easy as I was six Months ago, and I have frequenter Occasions of making Water. I can now walk and ride moderately without any Inconveniency.

Feb. 22, 1738-9.

J O H N H E A D.

CXL.

Mrs. MATTHEWS, *at a Tallow-Chandler's in Brewer-Street, near Golden-Square.*

HA S been subject to violent Pain in the Back for about twenty Years, and often brought away small Stones of the Shape of Kidney-beans. Besides, has of late Years been apprehensive of an Ulcer in the right Kidney, because of very acute Pain in that Part, and a Discharge of slimy Party-coloured Matter with her Urine. She took Mrs. Stephens's Medicines for ten Weeks last Summer was Twelve-month, but finding them very forcing and to cause an Increase of Pain, left them off, and has now the same Complaints as before.

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Mrs. CATHERINE PYM, Cook to her
Grace the Dutchess of Rutland, Grosvenor-
Square.

HAS been troubled with such a Disorder in her
Back and Side for about a Year past, that
she could not stoop forward, or turn herself in Bed
without exquisite Pain. She has never, to her
Knowledge, brought away Gravel or Stones, nor
has had any Stoppape of Urine, but nevertheless
was thought by some Persons, with whom she ad-
vised, to have a Stone in the Kidney; in Conse-
quence of which, (having tried a great variety of
Medicines before to no Purpose) she has now taken
Mrs. Stephens's Medicines eight Weeks. At first
they rather increased her Pain and made her sick,
but begin now to agree better with her, and she
finds herself something easier than before she begun.
Her Water has always a great Quantity of thick
Sediment.

CXLII.

The Reverend Mr. WILLIAMS, Rector of
Stapleford Abbot, near Brentwood, Essex.

I Having been for twenty Years greatly afflict-
ed with red Gravel and Pains in my Back,
(especially in my Right Kidney) had the Honour
of waiting often upon my good Friend and Neigh-
bour Edward Carteret, Esq. at the Time of his
great Disorder from the Stone, and the Pleasure
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of observing daily, the good Effects Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines had upon him, during that great struggle. Upon that Encouragement I resolved to take those Medicines myself, in order to remove the constant Uneasiness I had in my Back, and to prevent the profuse Sweats I then laboured under, (from the Gravel as I apprehended) and which had emaciated me to a great Degree. I took the Powders and Draught at first but thrice in the Twenty-four Hours, and was quite cleared of the Gravel and Sweating in six Weeks, and continue so ever since. But to my great Mortification I found, that though my Gravel was gone, the Pains in my Back and Kidneys did not cease; and was assured by Mrs. *Stephens*, that those uneasy Sensations arose from the Stone, otherwise those Symptoms would not have continued. I then determined to go on with the Use of the same Medicines, and to repeat them four Times a Day; which had so good an Effect, that they brought away continually white Water, that had a Sediment as if Chalk had been scraped into it; and several Bits or Fragments of white Stone of various Shapes; but they commonly appeared like little Flakes, that scaled from a larger Piece of Stone, and were of a soft or pappy Substance, at the Time of voiding them. Finding every Day so much Benefit from these Powders and Draught, (each of which I took four Times a Day) and that my general Health was promoted without the least Inconveniency from them, I was encouraged to continue the Use of these Medicines for above two Years, and am now, I bless God, perfectly free from any Pain in my Back or Kidney, and in every Respect in good Health.

RICE WILLIAMS.

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Mr. B O U L T, Newmarket, Flintshire.

I N the Year 1734, and the Fifty-sixth of my Age, I was seized with the usual Symptoms of the Stone in the Bladder; had frequent Motions to make Water, which came from me in vastly small Quantities, attended with great Heat; and after a few Months to my great Surprize it became exceeding bloody. I had much Pain too in the Region of the Kidneys, which I fancy was more exquisite, as that Part had been crushed, about thirty Years ago by a dangerous Fall, when engaged at *Tennis*, a violent Exercise I much delighted in.

Under this great Affliction I made Use of several Things in the common Way, and particularly the Spirit of *Turpentine* for Relief. But receiving no sensible Benefit, after the Exercise of much Patience for four Years, but on the contrary, my Constitution being extremely impaired by Delays, I apprehended myself reduced to the unhappy *Dilemma*, of closing my Life speedily and miserably, or undergoing that violent shock to Nature, a dangerous Operation. And as there was some Prospect of Relief in the latter Case, without the least in the former, I was determined to submit to it.

Accordingly, I desired a Friend to represent my Case to a Gentleman in *Manchester*, noted for his Success in Cutting. But while the Affair was in Agitation, and after the Time of my Journey had been fixed, I accidentally heard of the good Effects of Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines on a Gentleman in *Chester*; who upon Enquiry, satisfied me so fully in
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all Respects, that I thought proper to try the Experiment myself.

Under this Resolution I began to take the Medicines about the Middle of *Sept.* 1738. And must needs confess that during the first three Weeks my Case was very deplorable. However observing my Water to depofite a heavy Sediment, with a Mixture of white gritty Particles, I was encouraged not to defist. And in a short Time I had the Pleasure of voiding three or four small angular Stones, of a yellowish Cast, and in a pretty hard State, but without much Difficulty. And from that Time to this, scarce a Day has passed, but I have been presented with Pieces of Stone, some very small and soft, others pretty large and hard, and of a very irregular Shape, but most if not all of a whitish Colour.

The Consequences whereof (through divine Mercy) have been extremely Beneficial to me; my natural Strength is renewed, my Sleep returned, my general Health improved, and in a Word, I re-enter the Stage of Life, to dispatch the little Affairs assigned me on it, with new Pleasure. I still take the Medicines, and hope in a little Time my Cure will be perfected.

Feb. 19, 1738-9.

JOHN BOULT.

P. S. Since my Case was drawn up I rode fifteen Miles one Day on a hard trotting Horse.

CXLIV.

MR. GARTON, Clawson, *near* Melton, Leicestershire.

A Great while before I had a Suspicion of having the Stone, I was often making Water, and it would be bloody upon Motion or riding, tho' without much Pain. I observed that I made Water almost every two Hours in the Night time, and oftener in the Day time; and it would come dropping for a considerable Time. But the latter End of the Year 1737, I had a Stoppage when I made Water, and great Pain. And I had a Friend came to see me, and told me he was so, and Mr. *Fuller*, Apothecary of *Melton* gave him Ease. I sent for Mr. *Fuller*, and he gave me some Things which gave me Ease speedily, so that I could make Water again freely. But a little before *Martinmas* my Stoppage in making Water returned again. I sent to Mr. *Fuller* again, and he sent me the same Medicines, but I found no Ease. I took them for a Month, and at last it went off, so that I was something easier. I had Occasion to ride about four Miles to *Melton* in *January*, and with riding it made my Water thick and bloody; so I grew worse and worse after that Journey, and was very often making Water with great Pain. I heard of Mrs. *Stephens*, and wrote to a Friend to consult her, and she said I must send my Grievance, how my Pain was, whether in my Kidneys or in my Bladder, or Stoppage of Water, or Pain in my Side. I continued worse and worse, so that I could neither eat, nor sleep but very little; and almost always in great Pain, with Stoppage, and often forced to go to stool; insomuch that my Flesh wasted very much, having

having little or no Stomach, and but little sleep; for I was forced to have the Pot several Times in a Quarter of an Hour, and when sleep over-came me I wetted my Bed. I sent to *Nottingham* for Mr. *Levett*, and was examined by him, and he told me I had a very large Stone in the Bladder. I began Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines June 3, 1738, and in one Month's Time I began to get my Stomach, and to sleep, and could lie dry if I slept. I took the Medicines about six Months, and voided red Gravel, and many small Bits of Stones in a soft and rotten State, and broad Scales. And the largest that I ever saw come from me was about three or four Days after I had done taking the Medicines; and I should have taken more, if I had been near her when I saw that; but I could have none under a Fortnight, so I had a Mind to try how I should be without them; but praised be God, and Thanks to Mrs. *Stephens*, I am in good Health and very easy.

Feb. 19, 1738-9.

ROBERT GARTON.

CXLV.

Mr. LEVER, Brazen-Nose-College, Oxford.

I Have been afflicted with the Stone from a Child, sometimes I have been for a whole Year or more free from all Pain, and sometimes for above a Year after have been in continual Pain; and have had frequently, about once in a Month, very severe Fits, which have confined me for three or four Days to my Chamber.

After taking Physic by the Advice of several Physicians for many Years, with little or no Benefit, upon the second of July 1737, I began to take Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines, which I continued taking
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regularly till *March* 6th following. Upon first taking the Medicines both my Pain and Fits abated; and I was free from Pain and Fits after leaving off the Medicines from *March* 6, till *Sept.* 2, when I had one Fit of the Stone, and upon *Oct.* 25, 1738, I began to take the Medicines again, and have ever since been free from Fits, but have now and then some small Pain, and have lately voided many small Pieces of Stone, and continue to take the Medicines in Hopes of a Cure.

Feb. 22, 1738-9.

THOMAS LEVER.

CXLVI.

Mr. P A I N E, Burton, *near* Kettering, Northamptonshire. *His Case is contained in a Letter to Mrs. Stephens, dated Feb. 24, 1738-9.*

THE first Time I perceived any Thing of the Stone was in *July* 1736, after which I constantly made bloody Water upon riding or any other Exercise. I had several Attacks after that, and was seldom free from Pain. During this I voided a deal of Gravel, and several small Stones, enough to convince me that this grievous Distemper was strongly settled in me. Hearing therefore of the Success of your Medicines, I began to take them the latter End of *November* last past. They put me to terrible Pain for near a Month, after which I was tolerable easy for near a Month; and then began to void Stones of a whitish Colour, in the Nature of Scales, with little Difficulty and not much Pain. I should have told you before, that during the first Month of taking the Medicines, I voided large
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Quantities of a white slimy Substance, but no Gravel ; and after that was come away I began to grow easier. I at this Time continue to bring away Stones, like those above-mentioned, but cannot yet ride without Pain and Uneasiness, and am sensible that there is yet a Stone in my Bladder not dissolved.

But from the Trial I have made of the Medicines I have great Reason to hope they will entirely free me from this terrible Distemper, and shall therefore go chearfully on taking them.

JOHN PAINE.

CXLVII.

Mr. CROW, Cary-Street, *near* Lincoln's-Inn.

HAVING been long afflicted with Pain in my Back, &c. attended with Nauseas and Vomiting, and not meeting with the Relief I expected from the Medicines I took by Prescription, I began to take Mrs. *Seephens's* Powder and Draught, *May* 24, 1738. The latter End of *June* I voided some Gravel and several Bits of chrystalline Stone. I continued taking the Medicine (a few Days excepted) until the 16th of *August*, when I set out on a Journey to *Yorkshire*, and returned the 30th of *September*. I had much Pain with Vomiting a few Days on my Journey, but have been very easy since my Return without taking any Medicines.

Feb. 23, 1738-9.

JOHN CROW.

CXLVIII.

Mrs. POOL, Little-Hadham, Hertfordshire.

I Have voided no Stone either before or since taking Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines. My Complaints before I took Things from her were a great Disorder of foul and bloody Urine, which I had been a long Time afflicted with, and thereby brought very weak; and much inclining to a Dropsy. And could get no help till a Friend in Town advised with Mrs. *Stephens* for me; and in three Days after taking her Medicines, I was quite freed from that and have continued so. And tho' I am still inclined to a Dropsy, find I get Strength, and by going on with her Directions am in great hopes I shall recover my Health.

March 2, 1738-9.

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CXLIX.

Mr. STOUGHTON, Master of Trinity-Hospital, Guildford, Surrey.

I Have been afflicted with the Stone and Gravel many Years, and in *October* last had a Stone in my Bladder too large to pass. But on taking Two twelve Shilling Doses of Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicine, it was dissolved and came away in small Particles; and have ever since been entirely free from it, tho' hardly escaped a Month before this, but had many severe Attacks; and to that Medicine I am firmly persuaded my good State of Health is owing under God.

March 4, 1738-9.

HEN. STOUGHTON

N. B. *The Quantity of Medicines here mentioned is about sufficient for a Fortnight.*

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Mr. BROWNE, Westerham, Kent.

TAKES Mrs. Stephens's Medicines, apprehending that he has a Stone in his Bladder. Has brought away some Gravel; and been much easier and eaten his Victuals much better, since he has taken the Medicines.

March 5, 1738-9.

CLI.

Mr. NORTH, at Mr. Mawgridges near Battle-
Bridge, in Tooley-street, Southwark.

I Having been afflicted with the Stone for between fourteen and fifteen Years, was cured about five Years ago by taking two Papers of Mrs. Stephens's Powders a Day for ten Weeks.

Nov. 25, 1738.

W M. NORTH.

This and the four Cases that follow have been already published in the Gentleman's Magazine. I have endeavoured to get more particular Accounts of them all, but have not been able.

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Mrs. CLIFTON, Overton, *near* Marlborough,
Wilts.

To Mr HARDING.

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HAVING lately taken Mrs. Stephens's Medicines for the Stone, and being in the public News-Papers desired to give you an Account of the Benefit or Mischief received thereby, I thought proper to acquaint you that I find no good, not having voided any Stone or Pieces of Stone, or Gravel, at the Time of taking them or since. I should be glad to be farther informed by Mrs. Stephens, her Opinion of their not taking the Effect as was expected, and also whether it is proper to repeat them the second Time, or if any Person ever does take them twice.

Nov. 4, 1738.

I am, Sir,

Your humble Servant,

ANN CLIFTON.

CLIII.

WILLIAM DAWTREY, *Esq*; Doddinghurst
Place, Essex.

THE Medicine I received from Mrs. Stephens for the Stone, it is my Mind not only dissolves and melts away the Stone, but it brings perfect Health to the whole Body also. And were the greatest Prince in the whole World afflicted
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with the Stone, that sad and melancholy Distemper, what can he do if Mrs. Stephens's Medicines be not?

W. DAWTREY.

CLIV.

Mrs. MARSH, Edgeworth, Middlesex.

To Mrs. STEPHENS;

Madam,

THIS is to acquaint you that I have taken your Medicines, and I hope I am perfectly cured. For I have voided abundance of Stones and Gravel, and I am bound to pray for you as long as I live; for I went to several Doctors, and none could give me Ease; for I think you are the only Woman in the World to cure that Disease. From reading it in the News, that you desired to know of those that had taken your Medicines, whether they were cured, made me so bold to send you this Letter, from

Your very humble

Oct. 2, 1738.

Servant till Death,

RACHEL MARSH.

CLV.

Mr. CARPENTER, Edgeworth, Middlesex.

Mrs. Stephens,

HAVING heard you were desirous, that those who had been cured by your Medicines should acquaint you with it, I in particular am bound to pray for you as long as I live, and I wish you good

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Success

Success in all your Undertakings, for with the Blessing of God I am cured.

Oct. 3, 1738. From

Your humble Servant,

THO. CARPENTER.

Addition to Mr. Underwood's Case. See Page 112.

Mr. Underwood died March 1, 1738-9. Mr. Sharp opened him, March 2. Took out a Stone that had the Appearance of being very much wasted, most of the Shell being destroyed, and very much of the internal Substance eaten into, so as in some Measure to resemble a carious Bone. There were no Pieces of Stone in the Bladder, which was in a very healthy State.

I took down these Words from Mr. Sharp's Mouth, March 3. And it is to be hoped that the Friends and Relations of all such as shall die after the Use of Mrs. Stephens's Medicines, will be so kind to the Public as to take Care that their Bodies be opened by some Person of Skill.

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